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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Election Commission released yesterday the final list of certified candidates for this

year's gubernatorial election, upon approval of the board in a special meeting Wednesday.

Saipan Tribune learned that, of the 111 individuals that filed their candidacies, only one did not make it to

the final list after withdrawing from the race.

CEC executive director Robert Guerrero confirmed yesterday that Saipan municipal contender Norbert
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SESSION BREAK

House Speaker Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan), seated, confer with Floor Leader Joseph N. Camacho during a session break yesterday. During two sessions this week, the House adopted 20 standing committee reports, four resolutions, and a Senate legislative initiative that will synchronize the local general election with the federal election. Senate Legislative Initiative 16-11 will be on the November ballot, along with three other initiatives. **See story on Page 2.**

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Admin wants MPLT to remit \$4.1M to general fund

Inos: 'Temporary separation' of contract employees likely

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Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos yesterday said the administration is sponsoring legisla-

tion that will authorize the Marianas Public Land Trust to remit to the general fund \$4.1 million that was listed as "recovered interest" resource in the Fiscal Year 2009 budget.

But House Speaker Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan) and House Committee on Ways and Means chair Ray N. Yumul (R-Saipan) said they want to

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REPORTER

Gov. Benigno R. Fitia! has formed a three-member team as official representatives of the administration

in the settlement discussion with the NMI Retirement Fund.

Antonio S. Muña, executive director of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., was appointed to lead the administration group, with members Rufin S. Inos and acting Finance chief Robert Schrack.

In addition, Fitia! said lawyers Anthony Welch and Teresa Kim will provide legal support during the settlement discussions.

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'Quick' Senate action on Buckingham nomination

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitia!'s nominee for attorney general, Edward T. Buckingham, is expected to have a "quick consideration" by the Senate, which may also confirm him as early as today, key senators told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

This morning, senators will be meeting with Buckingham before holding a

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House adopts 20 committee reports, 4 resolutions in 2 sessions

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The House of Representatives yesterday adopted a committee report recommending passage

of an initiative giving way to an elected attorney general, bringing to 20 the total number of standing committee reports adopted by the House during its sessions this week—two yester-

day and 18 on Monday.

The House also adopted four resolutions yesterday.

Among them were House Resolution 16-95, which conveys condolences to the family of the late Dr. Rita H. Inos, while H.R. 16-96 pays tribute to her contributions to the CNMI, including as education commissioner and member of the Northern Marianas College's Board of Regents.

Also adopted was H.R. 16-97, lauding Marcelino "Max" B. Aguon for his hard work and dedication in maintaining the beach along Sugar Dock to Aquarius Beach Hotel, and for promoting environmental education.

The House also adopted Senate Joint Resolution 16-13 SD1

honoring the U.S. National Guard and Reserve forces and recognizing the support provided to them by their private and public sector employers as they serve the country.

Besides the resolutions, the House also adopted Standing Committee Report 16-112, which recommends the passage of House Legislative Initiative 16-23. The initiative seeks to amend Article III Section 11 of the CNMI Constitution to authorize the election of an attorney general.

This initiative, however, failed to beat the Aug. 10 deadline for filing candidacies and initiatives to be certified and included on the ballot during the November general elections.

The House also adopted yesterday SCR 16-111, recommending the passage of House Bill 16-197 to allow public officials and employees who are licensed attorneys to appear as advocates or counsels before courts and agencies.

SCR 16-89 was referred back to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism, while action on SCR 16-113 was deferred. The first report recommends passage of Senate Bill 16-45, seeking to abolish the security deposit requirement for long-term business certificate applicants. The second

one recommends passage of SB 16-27, requiring all contractors to be licensed in the CNMI.

The bills considered for passage will be in the next session's calendar.

18 reports adopted in one session

Besides reconsidering and passing a Senate initiative synchronizing the local general election with the federal election, the House also adopted on Monday 18 standing committee reports, deferred action on one, and referred another

one back to a committee.

These include Standing Committee Reports 16-91 to 16-92, 16-94 to 16-103, and 16-105 to 16-110.

Among the key committee reports was SCR 16-96, recommending the passage of House Legislative Initiative 16-18 HD1. The initiative seeks to amend Article XI Section 5(g) of the CNMI Constitution to authorize the Department of Public Lands to reserve 20 percent of its operational expense to pay and satisfy land compensation claims.

2nd annual Palooza set Aug. 29

Songs and dances of the '80s will be the theme in this year's Palooza, hosted by the Pacific Islands Club as a fundraising event for the benefit of PAWS and Beautify CNMI.

The second annual party is set for Aug. 29 at 7:30pm at Charley's Bar.

Tickets for the event are now on sale and are available at the PIC Concierge at \$25 per head.

Civic leader and environmentalist Angelo Villagomez said the proceeds would be split equally between PAWS and Beautify CNMI.

"I'm looking forward to a fun night and raising some funds for two organizations that do a lot of great work for our community," Villagomez said.

He said that PIC deserves a big thanks for supporting community organizations like Beautify CNMI and PAWS.

Those who want to join the fun must be in full '80s attire and must be 21 years old and above.

Each ticket will include beer, wine and soft drinks. For more information, call 234-7976 Ext. 5170.

Last year's staging of the event had a '70s theme.

According to the online Urban Dictionary, palooza is a term for a party whose purpose is to release an individual back into the world of dating when their significant other dumps them, ending a long-term relationship. (Saipan Tribune)

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COE Sablan to speak at Dr. Inos' memorial service

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Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan remembers how she first met her good friend Dr. Rita Inos more than two decades ago.

"We were the first two female school principals at that time... and we began our good friendship way back in 1986," Sablan told Saipan Tribune.

She said that, as Garapan Elementary School principal at that time, she shared the same views with Dr. Inos, who was then the Rota school administrator.

Sablan believes her friendship with the late educator was also in-

Saipan's leadership courtyard to break ground next month

Saipan Municipal Council chairwoman Antonia Tudela said they have scheduled the groundbreaking ceremony for the Leadership Memorial Courtyard in Chalan Kanoa next month.

Known as the kios-ku project, this effort is part of the goal to revive Chalan Kanoa as a center of commerce and social activities on the island.

"This is an effort to continue to pursue the neighborhood revitalization and enhancement initiative," Tudela said.

The council's focus is on a village remake and reclamation by forming partnership among residents and greater members of the community.

"Our aim is to get the neighborhood to be robust, clean and safe for residents as well as visitors," she said.

This effort is also to identify and rehabilitate the neglected heritage assets around the villages.

"This is a central part in our reclamation effort to rehabilitate the neighborhood, she said.

The council formed a community partnership group early this year to help with the plan. This group is composed of former political leaders and private and government agency representatives, including from the legislative, executive and judicial branches.

Agencies involved include the department of Public Lands, Public Works, and Lands and Natural Resources; the CNMI National Museum, Zoning Office, Historic Preservation Office, businesses and the media.

"We have a regular meeting focusing on laying the groundwork and scope of work, brainstorming possible scenarios and reviewing facility design drawings," Tudela said.

Tudela said the project design should capture Saipan's political history "and what it meant to the people then."

She said it will also depict local leadership during the pre-Commonwealth period up to the present time.

"Once completed, the courtyard will cater to both the present and future generations of local residents, where they can be inspired and be proud of their local leaders or their folk heroes," she said. *(Nazario Rodriguez, Jr.)*

spired by the common vision they shared for children and education.

"We shared the same passion, vision, and commitment to our profession," Sablan said.

Dr. Inos was the Education Commissioner when Sablan, just back from the United States, was offered the position of Associate Commissioner for Instruction and Curriculum.

Dr. Inos passed away Monday of cancer. She was 55.

Yesterday, employees of the Public School System were invited to celebrate Dr. Inos' life on Saturday where a dedication ceremony will be held in honor

of the late educator at Mt. Carmel Cathedral.

Since Monday, the Commissioner's Office has displayed Dr. Inos' portrait at the central office where everyone was asked to wear pink ribbons in her honor.

Sablan will deliver a special message at Dr. Inos' memorial service on Saturday, where hundreds of teachers, administrators, and staff are expected to pay their last respects.

A symbolic rite is also scheduled to be conducted by school administrators where things related to the late educator will be presented. Among these are the pens,

books, flowers, diplomas, and the Chamorro Language Dictionary.

Sablan said Dr. Inos' invaluable contribution to the system and CNMI families in general

will never be taken lightly.

Saipan Tribune learned that Dr. Inos, who started her career with PSS in 1972, was key to the realization of the highly quali-

fied teachers' vision for PSS.

Principals interviewed by Saipan Tribune yesterday described Dr. Inos as one of the best leaders the system ever had.

Dr. Inos' remains will be flown to Rota on Saturday noon for the scheduled interment on Aug. 18 at 1:30pm.

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session.

Senate President Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan), who had been critical of Deputy Attorney General Gregory Baka holding the acting general position since September 2008, said he does not foresee any concern or issue with Buckingham's nomination.

"I've never heard of any senator having a major concern on Mr. Buckingham's nomination as attorney general. The CNMI needs to have an attorney general, and Mr. Buckingham is someone we know we can work with," Reyes said in an interview.

The Senate president said the nominee is also "very resourceful," "very humble," "knows how to listen" and "is very qualified for the job."

"He will have a quick consideration by the Senate. If everything works out fine, he may be confirmed during Friday's session. We didn't have an attorney general for a long time," he said.

Sen. Paterno S. Hocog (R-Rota), chair of the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigation, separately said Buckingham will have a "quick confirmation."

"We don't need to wait for the 90-day confirmation period to expire.

I've known Mr. Buckingham for years and he is qualified for the job," Hocog said.

The Senate has 90 days to act on any attorney general nominee of the governor.

On Wednesday, Fitial sent his nomination letter of Buckingham to the Senate.

Buckingham, the longest serving lawyer in the Office of the Attorney General and one of the few who has worked in both civil and criminal divisions, thanks the governor for his trust and confidence, and respects the Senate's confirmation process.

Yesterday, Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos, Baka and press secretary Charles Reyes presented Buckingham, along with his wife, to the media during a news briefing on Capital Hill. The administration announced his nomination on Wednesday.

Inos said that Buckingham is the "perfect choice" for the position.

Given the gubernatorial election in November, Buckingham said if confirmed by the Senate, he serves at the pleasure of the sitting governor. When asked about the lack of attorneys in the OAG, he said he will assess the responsibilities of the current government lawyers and the needs of agencies requiring their services.

Prior to nominating Buckingham, Fitial had offered the position to at least

four attorneys who declined the offer. Among them were lawyers Victorino Torres of Torres Brothers LLC and Teresa Kim, the current counsel for the lieutenant governor. The governor earlier said he would want to appoint a local attorney, but since his offer to local attorneys were declined, he turned to Buckingham.

Buckingham, who was earlier described by Baka as a "strategic thinker with goal-oriented plans for the office," said the governor was right about nominating somebody from the CNMI, but he said he will serve to the best of his abilities.

He has been serving as an assistant attorney general since 2003. He has worked in both civil and criminal divisions, and has also held a key role spearheading the federal prison consent decree compliance. Buckingham also has served as counsel to the departments of Public Safety and Corrections, as well as counsel to the CNMI Board of Parole.

Buckingham has a bachelor's degree from the University of California, Berkeley, one of the top-ranked schools in the United States, where he graduated with honors. He earned his law degree from the University of Denver. He is admitted to practice law in Colorado, the CNMI, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

Since former Attorney General Matthew Gregory quit his post in September 2008 to re-enter private practice, Baka succeeded to the position.

Fitial has not submitted Baka's name to the Senate because, as deputy attorney general, Baka succeeded to the position of acting attorney general.

But the Senate has been vocal in their opposition to Baka, and Reyes earlier said he would use his influence to make sure Baka was not confirmed.

In March, Senate President Pete Reyes introduced SB 16-51 SD1, or the "Attorney General Confirmation Act of 2009," clarifying the law that requires Senate confirmation.

Under the bill, if the governor or his designee does not submit the individual who has been appointed or is otherwise serving in an acting capacity or who has assumed the title of AG, acting AG, or interim AG within 30 days, the individual cannot serve in those positions for two years.

If an individual is nominated, but the Senate does not confirm the person within 90 days from the temporary appointed or assumed position date, the position will become vacant and the person nominated can't be re-nominated during the tenure of the appointing administration. If an individual holds the position of AG, acting AG or interim AG after 90 days without confirmation, they will be breaking the law. Any contracts, purchase orders, or timesheets signed after the 90-day period will be null and void. The Senate passed the bill unanimously.

In light of the Senate bill, Baka, in March, notified the assistant attorneys general and special assistant attorneys general they could be terminated without cause if they do not agree to amended contracts. The amended contracts require the lawyers to serve up to a maximum of 30 days per contract period as acting attorney general, if so appointed.

ERRATUM

In the article titled *Saipan to join Great Nationwide Kiss-In event*, published in the Aug. 13, 2009, edition of the *Saipan Tribune*, the contact e-mail was incorrectly printed as jone51@gmail.com. The correct e-mail address is jonc51@gmail.com. Our apologies.

ADMIN

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hear from MPLT first whether it wants or is authorized to remit such amount to the general fund.

Yumul said the administration or the Finance Department may have mistakenly included the \$4.1 million, and is now passing it on to the Legislature to correct that mistake with only a few weeks left before the end of FY 2009.

Inos said the draft legislation will be sent to the Legislature as early as today. Yumul said he will have an informal meeting with MPLT board members and counsel Friday next week.

Without the \$4.1 million expected revenue for this fiscal year—which will end on Sept. 30—the government will have to further cut back on expenses," Inos said in a news briefing yesterday.

"The critical services will get hit

the last if they get hit at all. But we're ready to put the brakes on expenditures in all other areas—personnel, supplies, travels... But we hope the Legislature will pass that bill and hopefully MPLT will agree to transfer the fund so we can cover the appropriations that were made," Inos said.

He said there may be excepted service or contract employees who have long been working on a 72-hour schedule that will be "temporarily separated" but only until the end of FY 2009.

As to the number of those who may be affected, Inos said it depends on the money that will still be available. "It's the function of the dollar," he said.

He said some contract employees have already gone on a 72-hour work since the second quarter of FY 2009. He said if all excepted service employees, excluding those in critical positions, work on a 72-hour basis, the savings to government will be between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

Early warning

As early as June, Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee chair Sen. Maria "Frica" T. Pangelinan (D-Saipan) already warned that the government is expected to have an additional \$4.1 million deficit in FY 2009 because MPLT will not be giving to the general fund the resource listed as "recovered interest"—contrary to the Fitial administration's budget submission.

The amount is interest MPLT earned on its loan to the Northern Marianas Housing Corp. The interest was appropriated back to MPLT as principal.

MPLT chair Vianney B. Hocog earlier told Pangelinan that these funds were to be retained by MPLT as an offset to its distribution to the general fund.

"The resulting machination of this process was the full distribution of the net distributable income for each year to the Commonwealth General Fund with the concurrent return of the appropriated amounts back to MPLT as prin-

icipal. The Trust is limited by the Constitution to distribute only its income to the General Fund and cannot distribute principal," Hocog said.

Other matters

Inos said the visit of Tony Babauta, who is President Obama's nominee as assistant secretary for insular areas, may be postponed because the U.S. Senate did not act on his nomination before going on recess.

"Without congressional action on his nomination, we don't know if he will still come," Inos said.

Senate President Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan) earlier announced Babauta's meeting with lawmakers on Aug. 24.

Inos also said the Fitial administration welcomes the visits of U.S. military officials.

"We think it's high time we engage the Defense Department to find out what exactly they need and what can we provide. We feel that military pres-

ence here would boost the economy," he said, adding that the government wants to know more about military plans on Tinian and the Northern Islands, including Pagan.

He, however, recognized that there may be some sensitive information or national security issues that the military may not be able to share at this time.

"Hopefully, with these increased visits and presence in the CNMI, we'll be able to have formal discussions," he added.

The Senate president earlier announced that on Aug. 18, the House and the Senate will have a joint meeting with Rear Admiral Douglas Todd Biesel, commander of the Naval Forces Marianas.

Reyes said there will also be a meeting of the Military Integration Management Committee on Aug. 24, and a brief meeting with Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus on the same day. The following day, there will also be a meeting of the local Military Task Force.

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Mendiola backed out at the last minute, resulting in 110 total candidates.

The election will be held on Nov. 7, 2009.

Records obtained by *Saipan Tribune* show that 54 individuals—more than half of the 110 certified candidates—are running as independents for various positions in government.

The CNMI Republican Party will

field 26 candidates while the Covenant Party has 25 on its slate. The Democratic Party only has four on its ticket.

The Covenant Party has the following candidates: governor and Lt. governor; mayors (3); Senate (4); and House (17).

The GOP has a total of two mayoralty candidates; four for the Senate; 19 for the House; and governor and lieutenant governor aspirants.

Of the 54 independent candidates, two teams are running for governor and lieutenant governor positions; 10 are running for mayor; eight for the

Senate; and 12 for House seats.

A total of 22 individuals are running for municipal council seats while three will vie for Board of Education seats. Both positions are nonpartisan.

Initiatives

During Wednesday's board meeting, election commissioners approved the inclusion of three legislative initiatives on the November ballots, all transmitted to the CEC at the last minute on Aug. 10, the filing deadline.

House Legislative Initiative 15-3 calls

the Fund to consider.

"As you are aware, the CNMI has always maintained that settlement negotiations, with the involvement of the Legislature, was the appropriate manner...to handle this case and have made efforts do so. ...It is unfortunate that the matter has gone this far at the expense of our NMIRF members and the CNMI taxpayers," Fitial said.

A Superior Court ruling on June 29 had determined that the government owes the Fund over \$231 million in un-

paid employer's contributions. Fitial commended the Fund board for acknowledging the need to continue settlement discussions to address the court judgment. Fitial said he is looking forward to a meaningful settlement discussion with the Fund in order to address the court judgment.

Commissioners also adopted House Legislative 16-11, which will prohibit

the withdrawal of any funds from the general fund except for appropriations made by law.

Included in this initiative is the proposal to hold the regular general elections during even-numbered years, representing the third legislative initiative.

Besides the three new legislative initiatives, the election commission earlier confirmed the inclusion of one popular initiative in the general election ballot, which is to subject the Legislature to the provisions of the Open Government Act.

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est in forcing a complete and immediate payment of the court judgment.

The Fund said its negotiating team will look into the government's available data and records about finances and projected revenues before inking a final agreement with the administration.

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The administration wants the first meeting between the parties to be held on Aug. 24 at 2pm in the governor's conference room.

Members of the Legislature, who will take part in the negotiations, are expected to attend the first meeting.

They Fund had already formed a six-person team to represent it in the nego-

tiations: acting Fund board chair Pedro Q. Dela Cruz, trustees Sixto K. Igisomar and Adelina C. Roberto, Fund administrator Mark A. Aguon, and Fund counsels Jim Hollman and Viola Alepuyo. The Fund formed the team on July 7.

Fitial notified Dela Cruz on Tuesday of the administration's commitment and intention to pursue settlement negotiations, pursuant to the court judgment.

The governor said his team has begun reviewing documents and formulating proposed settlement options for

Fitial names new board trustee; retirees offer 3 names

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial has appointed Jerry P. Crisostimo as the newest Retirement Fund board trustee, replacing Juan T. Guerrero who stepped down from the position last week.

The nominee, who will have to be confirmed by the Senate, was selected by the governor over three names recommended by the Commonwealth Retirees Association.

In a letter to the governor on Tuesday, association chair Wil-

liam R. Barrineau urged Fitial to appoint one of three recommendees, all of whom are members of the association: David M. Sablan, Oscar P. Camacho, and Herminia M. Fusco.

"We have confidence in [these] persons and feel they could contribute much to the board of trustees," Barrineau said, describing them as "competent and capable." He said these members would accept the nomination if offered by the governor.

Barrineau described the association as a "nonprofit cor-

poration representing retirees, those still working, those already retired and survivor beneficiaries who fall under the Defined Benefit Plan."

He said there are more than 6,300 members of the plan who are considered members of the association.

Saipan Tribune learned that Crisostimo was appointed to the position on Aug. 10, Monday.

"I am pleased to appoint you to serve as a member of the Fund board of trustees to represent Saipan. This appointment requires the advise and consent of the Senate," Fitial in his letter to Crisostimo, who will serve up to Sept. 26, 2010, if confirmed.

Fitial said he is confident that Crisostimo is qualified and will be an asset to the board.

Lawyer objects to FBI agent's late filing in extradition case

The lawyer of a Korean man facing extradition to South Korea has objected to the U.S. government's alleged late submission in court of an affidavit by a Federal Bureau of Investigation's special agent.

Bruce Berline said that on Aug. 7, 2009, three days after the close of the extradition hearing, the U.S. government served him with a notice of filing of FBI special agent Haejun Park's affidavit.

"The time for the government to submit its evidence to this court was during the extradition hearing on Aug. 4, 2009. The government failed to do so," said Berline, lawyer for Hyuk Jong Kwon.

Instead, the defense lawyer said, the U.S. government has avoided all the legal protections and requirements of the extradition hearing and filed additional evidence in this matter without providing the court or Kwon with any legal basis for being allowed to do so.

"The government's untimely submission violates Kwon's due process rights, avoids statutory

requirements of extradition proceedings and is simply unfair," Berline said.

In his affidavit Park discussed, among other things, Kwon's fingerprints.

In opposition to Kwon's motion to strike the affidavit, assistant U.S. Attorney Jessica F. Cruz said the government filed the affidavit as a supplemental submission, merely to further assist the court in its analysis of the detainee's identity.

Cruz asserted that the government recognizes that fingerprint analysis offered after a typical preliminary hearing may be inadmissible.

"However, different rules govern extradition proceedings," she said, adding that the court has the discretion to allow evidence.

Kwon is a Korean fugitive who allegedly defrauded several Korean nationals of over 422 million won (about \$331,804) by telling them, among other things, that students could enroll at a four-year university on Saipan. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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Veterans specialist ends 5-day visit today



Gualtieri

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A public contact and outreach specialist of the Department of Veterans Affairs concludes her five-day visit to the CNMI today with a briefing at the Tinian Mayor's Office.

Danielle Gualtieri said she is on island to gather feedback from military veterans, to answer questions about their benefits, and to update them on various programs for veterans.

There are over a thousand veterans in the CNMI: 990 on Saipan, 80 on Rota and 10 on Tinian.

Only about a dozen have come forward to see Gualtieri.

She conducted a briefing at the Mayor's Office on Rota on Aug. 10-11 and at the Office of the Military/Veterans Affairs on Capital Hill, Saipan, on Aug. 12-13.

She said most veterans might not have any questions, explaining the low turnout. "Well, it's not a mandatory meeting," she added.

She said those who came to see her asked about housing grants and one suggested a home improvement program.

But the most common concern are health care benefits.

The federal Veterans Affairs Office is currently in the process of establishing a clinic for members on Saipan.

Ruth Coleman, executive officer of the CNMI Military/Veterans Affairs Office, said the clinic would be opened before the end of the year. In fact, the physician is already in town.

Before, local veterans had to go to Hawaii or Guam to avail of their health care benefits.

Other services and benefits that veterans can avail of include pension, medical, educational opportunities, and burial.

Gualtieri's visit to all Micronesian areas is on a quarterly basis. She just came from Guam and will be doing the same outreach in the four states of the Federated States of Micronesia (Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, and Kosrae). She will also visit Palau.

Meanwhile, Coleman said that two veterans buried at the public cemetery will be re-interred at the Veterans Cemetery in Marpi today. The first re-interment is at 10am and the second is at 11am.

She did not mention the names of both veterans.

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Hirshbein now acting Labor secretary, deputy secretary

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REPORTER

Barry Hirshbein, a Labor administrative hearing officer, is now both the acting Labor Secretary and acting Labor Deputy Secretary.

This developed after Labor Deputy Secretary Jacinta M. Kaipat became the acting La-

bor Secretary after Labor Secretary Gil M. San Nicolas took a leave of absence.

Kaipat, however, took a temporary leave last week after the Election Commission certified her candidacy for the Senate.



Hirshbein

Saipan Tribune learned yesterday that on July 29, Kaipat, as then acting Labor Secretary, appointed hearing officer Hirshbein as acting Labor Deputy Secretary.

"No budgetary authority will be expended on this po-

sition as this appointment is temporary. Mr. Hirshbein holds a permanent appointment as a hearing officer and will be compensated only in that capacity," said Kaipat in a letter appointing Hirshbein.

In June, Kaipat removed Hirshbein as Labor director and transferred him to his previous assignment, Labor administra-

tive hearing officer.

Hirshbein, who is a former prosecutor, served as Labor director for one year and six months.

Kaipat also recently appointed Labor administrative hearing officer Jerry Cody as acting di-

rector of the Labor Administrative Hearing Office.

"No budgetary authority will be expended on this position as these duties will be consolidated temporarily with hearing officer duties," she said.

Kaipat said Cody holds a permanent appointment as a hearing officer and will be paid only in that capacity.

Sex offender allegedly beats up girlfriend over poker winning spat

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A man convicted as a sex offender in Nevada was arrested Wednesday morning for allegedly beating up his girlfriend during an argument over poker winnings.

Brian C. Tudela, 51, was arrested for assault and battery. He was brought to the Superior Court on Wednesday afternoon for a bail hearing.

Associate Judge Perry Inos imposed a \$10,000 cash bail for Tudela's temporary liberty.

The victim, a 42-year-old woman, reportedly suffered a swollen right eye and abrasions in the hands.

Department of Public Safety spokesperson Jason Tarkong said yesterday that it was brought to the court's attention during the hearing that Tudela is a convicted sex offender who has failed to register as such in the CNMI as required by law.

Tarkong said the court required Tudela to register with DPS as sex offender prior to his release.

Tarkong said that on Wednesday at 12:19am, a police officer responded to a residence in Papago after receiving a report about a domestic violence.

The victim was crying when a police officer arrived. She showed police her injuries. Police arrested Tudela, who was seen in a car near a neighbor's house.

Police learned that on Tuesday night, Tudela and the victim were playing poker in Garapan. When they were done, the victim collected her winnings.

Tudela asked his girlfriend for money and she gave him a few dollars. This upset Tudela as he was the one who gave her money to play poker.

Tudela claimed the money she won belonged to him. This triggered the argument inside the poker arcade and in their car outside.

Tudela grabbed the money she gave him and attempted to force it into her mouth. She defended herself by hitting him.

The victim tried to exit the car, but Tudela allegedly threw a full can of beer at her, which missed. She told the security guards outside the poker arcade to call the police.

The two later calmed down and left the place. While driving home their argument continued.

As the victim was gathering her personal belongings at home, Tudela allegedly punched and kicked her repeatedly.

The victim managed to run to a neighbor's house where she called 911.

Tarkong said that in 1989 the Nevada court sentenced Tudela to life in prison for sexual assault with a deadly weapon, burglary, and battery with use of a deadly weapon.

Tarkong said that in 2004, Tudela was listed in "non com-

pliant status" by the Nevada Sex Offender Registry. In September 2005, the Nevada Parole Board issued a warrant for Tudela's arrest, Tarkong said.

"Tudela has been in the CNMI since late 2005 and has failed to register with the Sex Offender Registry Unit since his arrival," said Tarkong, who is also the officer-in-charge of the CNMI Sex Offender Registry.

6 Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has raised the red flag on six Saipan beaches and is warning the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

DEQ said that water samples collected the Central Repair Shop, DPW Channel Bridge, S. Puerto Rico, American Memorial Park, Garapan Fishing Dock, and CK Dist. 2 drainage were found to contain excessive concentrations of fecal in-

dicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

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Massage parlor, 3 employees fined

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Labor Administrative Hearing Officer Jerry Cody sanctioned yesterday the operator and manager of a massage parlor in Garapan for violating labor laws by employing three women as masseuses without permits or authorization.

In an administrative order, Cody also determined that the conduct of the three workers justifies sanctions.

Cody ordered MZ Corp., owner of Crystal Massage Parlor to pay a \$1,000 fine.

As a further sanction, Cody said MZ Corp. is barred from employing its manager, Hongrong Sun.

Cody revoked Sun's work and entry permit and barred her from working for MZ Corp. Sun. She was allowed to find a new employer.

The two other workers—Yadi Guo and Dan Wang—were each fined \$500.

Cody said the fine shall be suspended, then extinguished after one year, provided that the three commit no further labor

violations in that period.

The third worker, Chunxian Zhang, was ordered to pay a \$500 fine but only half or \$250 to be paid within 20 days.

The other half, \$250, shall be suspended, then extinguished after one year, provided that Zhang commits no further labor violations.

He granted the three workers' request for transfer to new employers.

Cody said the conduct of MZ Corp. in this case is highly suspect.

"No corporate officers appeared to represent the company despite being given adequate notice of the hearing," he said.

Cody described Sun's unlawful conduct in this case as "egregious and willful."

Based on the evidence presented, Cody said he agrees the workers should receive a more lenient treatment than their employer and manager.

According to Labor records, Sun holds a foreign contract worker permit as manager. In October 2008, Sun agreed to hire Guo, Wang, and Zhang and signed

employer intent forms to hire the workers to work as masseuses for Crystal Massage Parlor.

No conditional grants of transfer were submitted or approved at that time; therefore, the workers did not have any permission to begin working.

At the time Sun signed the employer intent forms, she asked each worker to pay her \$700 for processing fees, which she promised to pay back in the future.

Each worker paid \$700 to Sun. None of the workers had been repaid as of the date of the hearing on March 10, 2009.

From Oct. 20 until Nov. 21, 2008, all three workers remained on-site at the Crystal Massage Parlor. Guo and Wang, who were not experienced masseuses, stayed in the reception area and observed massages being given.

Zhang, who is an experienced masseuse, performed massages daily and was paid "commissions" for each massage.

In November 2008, Labor conducted an on-site visit to the Crystal Massage Parlor. The Labor director found the three workers on the premises of the

Crystal Massage Parlor, dressed in uniforms.

Guo and Wang were sitting in the reception area, while Zhang was performing massage in a side room.

In that visit, Labor told Sun that these workers were not allowed to work as they had no permission or authorization from Labor.

After that visit, MZ and Sun continued to use the services of these workers, although sporadically, in violation of the director's directives.

In November 2008, the Labor director filed a compliance agency case against MZ Corp and the three workers.

At the agency hearing on Jan. 15, 2009, Sun admitted that she had "borrowed" \$700 from each worker at about the time she signed the employer intent forms to hire them.

She admitted that she began employing Zhang as a masseuse for weeks both before and after the director's visit to the parlor.

Sun claimed that the two other workers had not "worked" but were merely staying in the premises for training.

In January 2009, the three workers filed labor complaints against MZ Corp., alleging unpaid wages and illegal collection of processing fees.

The cases were settled a month after the first hearing. Sun repaid all processing fees that she had "borrowed" from each worker as part of the settlement.

At the hearing, Sun and the workers admitted to their unlawful conduct and asked that leniency be shown in their situation.

In his order, Cody said the conduct of MZ Corp. and Sun justifies substantial sanctions against them.

He said MZ Corp. and Sun violated Public Law 15-108 by employing the three workers without permits or authorization from October through December 2008.

Cody said Sun also violated P.L. 15-108 by collecting processing fees from these workers.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Aug 14, 1999

'Spare part-time students from cut scholarship cut'

Northern Marianas College officials have prodded Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio to spare them from a new policy that disallows the government to provide scholarships to part-time students attending the island's lone higher learning institution. They warned the stringent regulation, which takes effect this semester, would force several of these scholars to drop out from college. Recipients of the locally-funded Educational Assistance Program comprise more than half of the student population at NMC. But Tenorio vowed to help the college seek other means of funding to keep government scholars in school, while at the same time maximize all available resources of the Commonwealth.

Last batch of EITC checks out

Taxpayers patiently awaiting Earned Income Tax Credit can expect new checks in the mail within the next few days, representing the last batch of payment processed by the Department of Finance to meet its financial obligations for tax year 1997. Completing the entire EITC payment, the checks were mailed this week to a total of 2,045 recipients, mostly from low-income families, according to a statement issued by Finance Sec. Lucy DLG Nielsen. Taxpayers who filed for EITC refund and have still not received their checks should contact the Division of Revenue and Taxation to determine if there were any problem with their claims.

Aug 14, 2000

Website on Northern Islands launched

The Northern Islands has now its own website that its officials hope will open up opportunities for several of the small islands that have long been shut off from the rapid development in the three main islands of Saipan, Rota and Tinian. Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio and other local officials as well as business leaders got a preview of the website (www.northernislands.org) during a launching party held last Friday at the mayor's office in Garapan. Northern Islands Mayor Joseph T. Ogomoro described the site as "electronic voyage" to his islands with information accessible to anyone with a computer, a modem and access to the e-mail.

Froilan: I'm not backing out

Former Governor Froilan C. Tenorio said yesterday he would seek again the highest post in the Commonwealth in next year's general election under the Reform Party, contrary to rumors that he was backing out. The former local chief executive, who was then a Democrat, ran but lost in the 1997 polls to his uncle, incumbent Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio, a Republican. "Contrary to rumors that I was backing another candidate for governor, I intend to run and I intend to win," Mr. Tenorio said in a press release.

Aug 14, 2001

NMC had only 978 graduates since '94

The Northern Marianas College has awarded eleven different degrees and certificates to only 978 students since 1994, a number described by the business community as "too low" to replace even a fraction of nonresident professionals now working in the CNMI. The degrees awarded by field of study from 1994 to 2000 include Business & Hospitality, Education, Liberal Arts General, Nursing & Allied Health, Public Safety Administration, and Trades & Technical. The NMC also awarded certificates in Business & Hospitality, Education, Nursing & Allied Health, Public Safety Administration, and Trades & Technical.

Ex-police chief in child abuse raps

Antonio Aldan Reyes, who was once the CNMI's top crime buster as the Department of Public Safety's chief-of-police, was arrested on three counts of child abuse charges. He is accused of sexually molesting a 14-year old girl inside a residence on Saipan. The 47-year old Reyes was collared early Saturday morning by a police officer inside the Mochi's Bar in Gualo Rai where he now works, DPS spokesperson Cecilia Celes said. This came following the issuance of a warrant of arrest by Superior Court Presiding Judge Edward Manibusan, who set a \$50,000 bail for Reyes' temporary release. The child abuse charges against the former police chief was docketed in court as criminal case no. 01-0358B. In her affidavit, police detective Mary-Louise O. Tanaka said the girl was sexually abused on two separate incidents—the first one was on July 2 while the second happened three to four days later.



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Allies for Aung San Suu Kyi

The military junta's decision Tuesday to extend for another 18 months the house arrest of Aung San Suu Kyi, Burma's rightful ruler, came as no surprise. She frightens Gen. Than Shwe and his cronies. No doubt they cannot understand her popularity, humility or moral courage. So they keep her locked up, as they have for most of the years since her democratic party won, and was cheated out of, an overwhelming electoral victory in 1990.

Nor was it a surprise that "today's unjust decision," as President Obama called it, met with near-universal condemnation. Burma's democratic neighbors in Southeast Asia, such as Indonesia and the Philippines; the European Union and Australia; U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and an august collection of those who, like Aung San Suu Kyi, have won the Nobel Peace Prize—all urged the junta to free her. Most pointed out that more than 2,000 other political prisoners, many suffering in appalling conditions, also should be freed.

But what then, after the deploring and condemning? All of Burma's 50 million people are in reality political prisoners, on a dismal par with the people of North Korea and few other nations on Earth. The brutality and corruption of their military leaders, who suck 40 percent of the government's budget into the army and squander much of the rest on lavish and bizarrely isolated lifestyles, have reduced a once-prosperous nation to a poverty level below that of Malawi or Afghanistan. The armed forces routinely wage war against ethnic groups, with rape and forced labor among the favored weapons. Do the leaders of other nations, who a few years back puffed out their chests and took upon themselves the "responsibility to protect" the vulnerable populations of the world, have any response?

There are measures that could be tried: coordinated financial sanctions aimed at the leaders who profit from their compatriots' misery, for example, or a real arms embargo—particularly apt given recent reports of Burmese cooperation with North Korea in nuclear affairs. A May report by the International Human Rights Clinic at Harvard Law School, commissioned by eminent former judges such as Patricia Wald of the United States and Richard Goldstone of South Africa, compellingly laid out sufficient evidence of the junta's crimes against humanity to justify a U.N. Security Council Commission of Inquiry that could lead to charges in the International Criminal Court. Russia and China, defenders of despots, would be obstacles, but perhaps not insuperable ones, if the United States, Southeast Asia and Europe made this a priority.

And where is the United States? Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton announced early in her tenure a review of U.S. policy toward Burma. While the sham trial of Aung San Suu Kyi was taking place, that review was suspended, leaving the administration surprisingly unready to respond to Tuesday's events. The review will be resumed now—with, we would hope, a sense of urgency that has been wanting so far.

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America's angst: 'Them' versus 'us'

From the very beginning of our national history, Americans have been arguing about the proper role of government. Put succinctly, the dispute is between those who regard government as "them" and those who see it as "us."

Our two founding documents embody the tension in its classical form. The Declaration of Independence locates sovereignty in the individual citizen, who possesses the rights of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," as Thomas Jefferson so lyrically put it, and the power of government is described as an alien force that must be put on the permanent defensive.

The Constitution enshrines "the people" as the sovereign agent, with a Bill of Rights that defines a protected region where government cannot intrude, but otherwise identifies a collective interest best managed by a federal government empowered to make decisions for the society as a whole.

All of United States political history can be understood as a perpetual debate between these two competing perspectives, symbolized at the start in the clash between Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton.

The Jeffersonian position, with its emphasis on a minimalist government, prevailed throughout the 19th century and imprinted itself on the DNA of American culture as a quasi-sacred political creed.

By the start of the 20th century, as the United States became a more densely populated, ethnically diverse society with an industrial economy dominated by large corporations, the Jeffersonian perspective grew increasingly anachronistic. It became abundantly clear that government power was necessary to regulate the swoonish swings of the marketplace, provide a safety net for poor and elderly citizens and protect the environment. Thus the Federal Reserve Board, Social Security, Medicare and the Environmental Protection Agency.

But despite these projections of the Hamiltonian ethos, which presumes that there is a collective public interest that only government can serve, the Jeffersonian ethos remains a potent force and not just in the right wing of the Republican Party. It colors the conversation about all the major domestic problems facing the Obama administration in ways that stigmatize as socialistic what we might ironically describe as the self-evident solutions.

In the health-care debate, for example, there is a national consensus that we have a broken and bloated system. But instead of replacing it with the kind of single-payer government-run system adopted by most of the developed countries on the planet, that option is ruled out of order at the start of the debate. As a result, the best we can hope for is modest reform of an inherently flawed and expensive system.

To take another example, in the ongoing banking crisis, the re-

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moval of government regulations permitted major banks to assume unconscionable amounts of debt, much of it in the form of toxic investments that still remain on the books. It has been obvious that the banks needed to be temporarily nationalized to force them to purge bad debts from their portfolios. But fear that the stock market would interpret this course as creeping socialism has prevented such straightforward action. So we are still waiting for many of the same self-described financial wizards who created our fiscal mess to get us the rest of the way out of it.

Our response to global warming is likely to meet the same fate. If there was ever a problem that demanded a coherent public response by government in the "us" mode, the threat to life on Earth as we know it would seem to be it. But "cap-and-trade" legislation, designed to reduce carbon in the atmosphere through government-created emission "allowances" that can be traded for money, is currently on life support in Congress, another victim of the deep-seated aversion to Washington's intrusion in the marketplace.

For much of our history, the Jeffersonian hostility to an energetic federal government served us well. But with the end of the frontier and the shift from an agrarian to an industrial economy, the expanding role of government in protecting and assuring our "life, liberty and pursuit of happiness" has become utterly essential.

All the major problems now befuddling us—the destructive excesses of finance capitalism, a profit-based health-care system, an increasingly contaminated atmosphere—are only soluble if we regard government as the chosen representative of our collective interests as a people and a nation.

No less an American hero than George Washington put it rather defiantly in 1785: "We are either a united people, or we are not. If the former, let us, in all matters of general concern act as a nation. ... If we are not, let us no longer act a farce by pretending it."

And even Jefferson acknowledged that his antigovernment vision would become irrelevant once we ceased being an agricultural society and that future generations—meaning us—would at some point need to throw off what he called "the dead hand of the past."

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Chinese: An after-action report

Earlier this year I wrote of my attempt to learn some very basic Mandarin Chinese. From the feedback I received it was apparent that I'm in good company, and I heard from mainland China, Hong Kong, and, of course, the Commonwealth. I pretty much took a vacation from life and took a semester (15 weeks) course titled "Chinese 1." My professor was from Taiwan, my tutor from Hong Kong (she speaks Cantonese, too), and my helpful friend from Shanghai.

So, how did it go? Is this language as hard as they say it is? How much can someone expect to learn in a semester?

It's a loaded issue from the start because, for one thing, of cultural differences. Not Chinese culture, American culture. Just as some American tourists get angry if you call them "tourists," a related quirk of social fashion makes it mandatory to claim foreign language prowess even if none is evident. Pontifications on foreign language are often exercises in public preening.

But for those of us who aren't fashionable, here's what I encountered: After a semester of part-time study in a mediocre but pleasant course, I emerged able to write about 300 words of Chinese in the traditional characters, and with a verbal vocabulary of a bit more, maybe 330 words total.

Here's a heads up in the writing realm: Mainland China uses simplified characters, Taiwan uses traditional characters. I was unaware of this fact until I had enrolled in my class. If you're going to study

this stuff, you'll want to learn this distinction before committing to a school.

Anyway, back to my vocabulary inventory. A mere word tally doesn't measure how effective someone is at speaking a language. But there's no other way for me to convey my progress, and, hence the progress that you might be able to expect of yourself, without offering the only objective metric I can think of.

Fortunately, for those who are interested, there is an assessment in Chinese called the HSK exam, which is a test for foreigners. If I ever take it, I'll tell you what I encounter, but I'm not even halfway ready to sit for it, and I may never be.

As for Mandarin being difficult, well, yes, I think it is. The only frame of reference I have is French, which I studied for six years, most of which were over, ahem, three decades ago. If French is a casual stroll down a rose-lined promenade, Mandarin is a knuckle-scraping climb up a vertical cliff with sharp, rocky edges; that's really the degree of comparative difficulty I experienced. Every credible person I know who has been in a position to venture an opinion has expressed similar sentiments.

Fortunately, I've got a lot of friends who can help me out, so if I don't make sufficient progress it's not for lack of resources, but for lack of motivation. But don't sneer at that motivation issue; I was visiting some Chinese friends last week, and, though they are painstakingly patient with helping me out in Mandarin, I uttered not

Just one word: factories

By **HAROLD MEYERSON**
SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON POST

We don't make things any more—at least, not like we used to. Since 1987, manufacturing as a share of our gross domestic product has declined 30 percent. Once the world's leading net exporter, we have become the world's leading net importer. In 2007, we exported \$1.2 trillion worth of goods and services but imported \$1.8 trillion. If there were a debtor's prison for nations, we'd all be in the clink.

Within the Obama administration and on Capitol Hill, there are moves afoot that could begin to end this travesty. Last week, the president announced \$2.4 billion in grants from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to U.S. companies developing batteries for hybrid and electric cars. The embattled Waxman-Markey climate change bill has a provision to lend \$30 billion to auto parts companies to convert to alternative energy manufacturing plants. Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, who is Congress' leading proponent of American manufacturing,

is calling to make permanent the research-and-development tax credit (right now, it must be renewed every couple of years) and injecting some pro-American considerations into our trade policy.

The long-term decline of American manufacturing has depleted our high-tech, cutting-edge industries as much as it has our more venerable sectors. Our furniture makers have lost 60 percent of their productive capacity since 2000, Richard McCormack, the editor of Manufacturing & Technology News, points out in an essay in a new book he has edited, "Manufacturing a Better Future for America." But at the high end, only one of the world's top 10 photovoltaic cell manufacturers is American. The United States fell behind China in the value of our high-tech exports in 2004, and we've fallen further behind every year since.

What makes the decline of American manufacturing particularly galling is that we're not falling behind because we're inefficient: American factories are among the most productive on the planet, as McCormack notes. But alone among the world's industrial powers, we have left the task of enticing manufacturers not to the federal government but to state and local governments, which try to attract factories and research facilities with tax abatements and public investments that are dwarfed by the efforts of national governments in other lands. China not only throws

Down the rabbit hole of conspiracy

By **SUSAN REIMER**
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If you believe that the 1969 Apollo moon landing was staged in Hollywood; that Marilyn Monroe was killed by the Kennedy family and Lady Diana by the royal family ...

If you believe that FDR allowed the Japanese to attack Pearl Harbor to facilitate America's entry into World War II and that the Bush administration brought down the twin towers with explosive charges and holograms in order to provoke a war for oil ...

If you believe that President Barack Obama was born in Kenya and educated in a madrassa and is rushing through health-care reform because he knows he is about to be discovered as an Islamic terrorist mole ...

If you believe that Jesus and Mary Magdalene were married and their descendant is a woman living in Paris, welcome to Michelle Obama's vegetable garden, where the cabbage heads are human.

In June, Mother Jones magazine wrote that the National Park Service had tested the soil before the White House garden was planted and found lead levels of 93 parts per million and called the levels toxic.

A Web site called Sludge Watch contacted me to report that the lead levels were the result of sludge dumped on the White House lawn by the Clintons to improve grass growth.

Almost immediately, Obama Foodorama, a well-crafted and thoroughly reported blog about everything "food" in this White House, from presidential birthday cakes to the first lady's campaign for healthy eating and cooking, debunked the story.

Blogger Eddie Gehman Kohan contacted three soil scientists, all of whom dismissed 93 ppm as "ridiculously low" for an urban garden and said no harm could come from humans eating from that garden even if they consumed handfuls of the dirt itself.

If indeed sludge had been used to fertilize the lawn—a practice used in the 1980s—any harm would have dissipated in the decades since, the scientists said.

But speaking of fertile soil, the Internet is a place where misin-

formation lives forever, and the story of "Michelle's Toxic Veggie Garden," will not die.

Every day since the Mother Jones story in June, another blog, Web site, newsletter or crackpot—even legitimate publications here and abroad—regurgitates the toxic garden story and adds to it so that now we read that Michelle Obama will not allow her family to eat from the garden, and, since the produce is being sent to Miriam's Kitchen in Washington to feed the poor, innocent children will have their brain development and their futures stunted by the lead levels in that food.

One such story received a comment from a reader that seemed to pull all the Obama conspiracy theories together: Michelle would have known better than to plant vegetables in such a space if her "old man" hadn't been born in Kenya.

I don't know about you, but all these conspiracy theories are starting to make me feel paranoid. Not because I believe Dick Cheney directed Israel's Mossad to bring down the World Trade Center but because there are lunatics out there passing themselves off as journalists, and that is making the rest of us look really bad.

David Aaronovitch, columnist for The Times of London, calls such nonsense "voodoo histories," and he debunks a number of them in his new and highly entertaining book by the same name.

He writes that we are going through a period of "fashionable conspiracism."

When we try to make sense of the world, we can't bring ourselves to believe that things happen because of bad luck or the work of a few malevolent individuals. So we construct a world in which events are manipulated by secret hands. We don't want to believe our government is run by incompetents, so we spin up the notion that is run by an all-knowing, secret society.

But the problem with conspiracy theories, Aaronovitch argues, is that they always libel a group or an individual with sometimes horrific consequences. "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion," a work of fiction that outlined a supposed Jewish plan to take over the world, was used by the Russians before World War I to

By **ED STEPHENS**

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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a peep of the language the entire afternoon because it requires so much mental exertion that I really didn't feel up to the effort.

In my case, this means I'll content myself with reviewing my notes for awhile, then I'll see how much energy I want to devote to things this summer. More study is inevitable, be it independent or academic, but the timing and degree depend on circumstance.

If there are any effective shortcuts, or clever tricks, to learn Mandarin (a) while you sleep, (b) as you drive, (c) while you time travel with Elvis, I haven't seen any that I'd recommend. Despite an impressive array of computer programs and other high-tech stuff that was available for my use, I opted for my usual flavor of old-fashioned, homemade flashcards.

A couple of people (I mean that literally: two) have asked me if I'd suggest studying Mandarin as a fun project, one for general erudition. I can't offer an opinion on that; this is one case where the only answer is: "Up to you."

money at companies looking for a deal for their factories, it also manipulates its currency so that its exports are too cheap for any American manufacturer, no matter how productive or innovative, to match. According to a 2008 report by the global accounting firm KPMG, within five years, China "should become the most influential country in IT and telecom," while we have done effectively nothing to promote and protect these 21st-century industries.

It's not just that the United States uniquely lacks an industrial policy. It's that the United States uniquely has an anti-industrial policy.

Turning that around could help the economy as well as convey some political rewards to an administration that could use some rewards just now. Brown, for instance, is a liberal from a not-famously liberal state, and it's his support for manufacturing that has won him the votes of the very same white working-class voters who are souring on Obama. At some point, the White House might realize that championing manufacturing is not only necessary economics but smart Democratic politics.

Besides, if we were making things again, the word "plastics" wouldn't unleash a wave of nostalgia.

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inspire the pogroms, by Hitler to inspire the Holocaust and by Islamic extremists today.

Michelle Obama did not "fake" the White House kitchen garden with mature plants to fool the public (another conspiracy theory), and it does not contain deadly levels of lead. (Her press office continues to patiently issue this assurance.)

Michelle Obama always wanted to have a garden. She planted one at her new home. She is using it to promote healthy eating because unhealthy eating is at the root of so much suffering among city dwellers and the poor. Her family often has its produce for dinner.

This is Occam's razor, the principle Aaronovitch uses to dismantle history's favorite conspiracy theories: The simplest explanation is usually the right explanation.

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Letter to the Editor

Thank you CHC staff






I recently had a surgical procedure done at CHC and left before I had a chance to thank all the staff (the lab crew, OR crew, OB nurses, Dr. Hart and Dr. Linden) for the wonderful and very professional care I received while there. CHC might be understaffed in all departments but for those of you who are there, your dedication, commitment and professionalism is recognized and very much appreciated. A very special "Thank You" to the OR nurse who could see how nervous I was and graciously held my hand as I slipped into La La Land. Patients don't often get the chance to thank or acknowledge the medical folks who care for them and get them through tough and painful times, so, from my family and I, thank you.

Suzanne Lizama
Koblerville, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Mostly sunny with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. East winds around 10 mph in the morning becoming light.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. South winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲86 ▼77
Palau	Showers	▲85 ▼77
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼76
Chuuk	Mostly Sunny	▲87 ▼77
Pohnpei	Mostly Sunny	▲88 ▼73
Kosrae	Showers	▲87 ▼77
Majuro	Sunny	▲85 ▼76

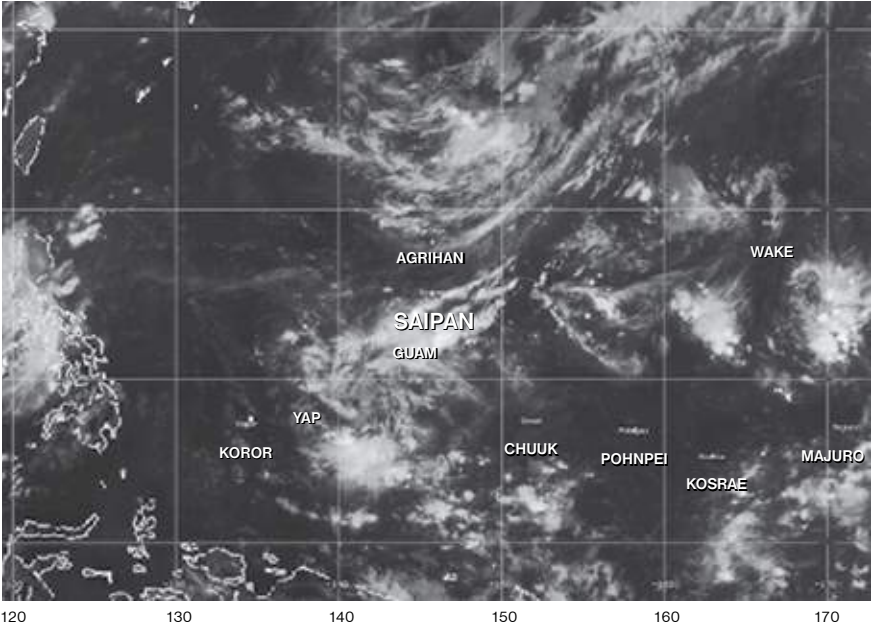
Around The Globe

Auckland	Rain	▲66 ▼54
Beijing	Sunny	▲97 ▼75
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▲90 ▼82
Honolulu	Showers	▲86 ▼76
London	Showers	▲75 ▼59
Los Angeles	Cloudy	▲84 ▼64
Manila	Rain	▲87 ▼78
Melbourne	Cloudy	▲65 ▼54
Miami	Thundershowers	▲90 ▼80
New York	Thundershowers	▲80 ▼67
Osaka	Partly Sunny	▲88 ▼71
Paris	Partly Sunny	▲78 ▼65
Pusan	Cloudy	▲84 ▼72
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲87 ▼68
Salem	Showers	▲75 ▼50
San Francisco	Cloudy	▲69 ▼56
Seoul	Sunny	▲91 ▼68
Tokyo	Thunderstorms	▲89 ▼71
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲88 ▼70

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
12:00 AM Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	
7:37 AM Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet	
2:43 PM Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet	
7:09 PM Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2009
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Low-level convergence is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms in an area from 25N148E to 25N153E to 20N146E to 20N143E back to 25N148E. A weak circulation is near 9N144E with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms from Guam southward to just east of Yap in an area from 12N139E to 14N147E to 3N145E to 4N141E back to 12N139E. A trade-wind disturbance is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms within 75 miles of a line from 15N162E to 13N164E. Another trade-wind disturbance is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms within 75 miles of a line from 14N171E to 12N171E. Westerly monsoon winds converging near Tarawa are causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of a line from 2N165E to 4N175E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:02 AM	6:41 PM
Saturday	6:02 AM	6:41 PM
Sunday	6:03 AM	6:40 PM
Monday	6:03 AM	6:39 PM
Tuesday	6:03 AM	6:39 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	12:41 AM
Saturday	12:13 AM 1:43 PM
Sunday	1:11 AM 2:46 PM
Monday	2:15 AM 3:47 PM
Tuesday	3:21 AM 4:44 PM

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SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX) OZ119 4:00am 6:40am 1, 3, 4, 6	OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN OZ120 9:55pm 2:20am+1 2, 3, 5, 7
SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO) NW78 9:00am 11:40am Daily	NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN NW77 9:10pm 1:40am+1 Daily
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Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily	FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily	FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily	FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily	Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
Guam-Rota				FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily	FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily	FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily	FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily	FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily	FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily	FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily	FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily	FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily
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Humanities Council receives donation from Bridge Capital

Bridge Capital, LLC has donated \$1,000 to the NMI Council for the Humanities in support of the Council's upcoming Chacha fundraiser.

The donation was officially presented by Bridge Capital executive assistant Lily Nguyen at a ceremony held at the Governor's Conference Room on Wednesday.

Accepting on behalf of the Council were board vice chair Charles P. Reyes Jr. and board members Maria Lourdes S. Ada and Richard Moreno.

Nguyen noted the important role the Council plays in educating the public about the Commonwealth's rich history and cultures.

"This donation reflects a core mission of Bridge Capital established by its principals, John Baldwin and Shawn Scott, to support the cultural, historical, charitable and intel-

lectual needs of the CNMI through regular donations," Nguyen said.

Reyes expressed the Council's appreciation for the donation. "Bridge Capital is one of the most socially responsible and civic-minded companies in the CNMI. The Council joins other CNMI organizations in thanking Bridge Capital for its continuing commitment to our local community," Reyes said.

Bridge Capital is an international banking and real estate development firm headquartered in the CNMI. It recently made \$17,000 in donations to support several schools and community organizations in the Commonwealth.

Nguyen said Bridge Capital encourages its employees and all community members to volunteer and become actively involved in the local community. (PR)



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Bridge Capital executive assistant Lily Nguyen, left, presents the \$1,000 check to board member Richard Moreno, council vice chair Charles P. Reyes Jr. and board member Maria Lourdes S. Ada.

Salas opposes extra year for all incumbents

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
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REPORTER

Rep. Ed Salas (R-Saipan) said Wednesday he voted "no" on an election initiative to synchronize the local general election with the federal election only because he disagrees with its provision giving an additional year in office to elected officials.

"There is an argument that an elected governor cannot accomplish or implement his/her programs in three years as it is too short of a term," he said. "While that may be true, I don't buy that argument because I strongly believe that a governor, mayor or senator doing an outstanding job in the three years they serve would get re-elected another term to accomplish or implement his/her programs. And when they get re-elected, they would have served seven years."



Salas

He said with an extended term, the CNMI would be stuck with poor performing elected officials for an additional year.

"I don't think our people would want that, and I definitely do not want that to happen. Again, if the term is shortened, they can run for re-election and I'm sure they will get re-elected," he added.

Salas was one of three House members present on Monday's session who voted "no" on Senate Legislative Initiative. The initiative passed on a 14-3 vote.

The other two who voted "no" were Rep. Victor Hocog (Ind-Rota) and Rep. Tina Sablan (Ind-Saipan).

Sablan had asked her colleagues to hold a public hearing on the initiative, particularly to hear people's concerns about giving politicians an additional one year in office but she said "a few seemed interested in that."

The House passed the initia-

tive on the last day of filing candidacies and initiatives on Monday, and immediately filed by the Senate clerk with the Commonwealth Election Commission.

S.L.I. 16-11, introduced by

Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), will amend the CNMI Constitution to synchronize the local general election with the federal election.

"For the most part, I do agree in that the initiative proposes to

align the election of the delegate to the U.S. Congress and the general election of the CNMI. I don't have any problems with that; I think it's a good move. I also agree that having an election every year is too costly, particu-

larly when the government coffers continue to decline. The savings realized by having elections every two years can be used for other priorities," said Salas.

If SLI 16-11 is ratified by CNMI voters on Nov. 7, the

winning governor and lieutenant governor, senators and mayors will have five-year terms instead of the regular four-year term, while those with two-year terms like House members will have three years.





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Applications may be verified of reviewed at any time during the school year. Households receiving free meal benefits must notify PSS FNS office during the school year of any decrease in household size and/or any increase in income over \$50 per month or termination of NAP benefits. **Households may apply for free meal benefits any time during the school year as circumstances change such as in cases of unemployment.**

In certain cases, foster children are eligible for free meals regardless of household income. If you have such children living with you and you wish to apply for such meals for them, please contact the PSS FNS office.

All applicants who are denied benefits have the right to request a conference to discuss the situation, present information and obtain an explanation of the submitted application or a decision rendered. Applicants may also appeal this decisions by contacting the PSS FNS office.

The PSS FNS office can be reached on Saipan: 237-3033/3060/3055/3088 or fax 664-3717, Tinian: 237-4106/4105 or fax 433-0455, Rota: 237-4046/4047 or fax 532-4020. Please feel free to call us if you would like to get more information on the free meal program.

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/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Peter James Le'au
Acting Associate Commissioner
for Administrative Services

NMI to apply for \$2M grant for brownfields cleanup

The CNMI is set to apply for a \$2 million revolving loan fund grant that will be used to clean up brownfields properties for redevelopment purposes.

The fund will be sourced through subgrants, which will require no repayment scheme, and through loans, which require repayment.

Ray Masga, Division of Environmental Quality site assessment and remediation manager, said that DEQ, Department of Public Lands and the Commonwealth Development Authority would be applying for the grant as a revolving loan fund grant coalition.

The goal of this revolving loan fund is to help revive the

CNMI economy, attract investors and developers, and generate employment.

Masga also said that the CNMI will re-apply for the Job Training grant worth \$500,000.

This grant aims to provide job training opportunities to individuals living within a brownfields community.

The CNMI lost to Los Angeles when both recently applied for this type of grant.

"We tried and we lost but we will have to try it again. We have already established our partnership with the Northern Marianas College," Masga said.

The Brownfields Revitalization and Environmental Restora-

tion Act of 2001 was enacted on January 2002 creating the brownfields program that would assess and clean up properties potentially contaminated with petroleum and/or hazardous substances.

DPL had been awarded a total of \$1.5 million grant for assessment and cleanup for its home-stand project in Marpi and Tinian while the DEQ has received \$400,000 for petroleum and hazardous assessment.

The DEQ has identified a total of 71 brownfields sites in the CNMI, located in both private and public properties. It has also listed a total of 40 potential sites on Saipan. (*Nazario Rodriguez Jr.*)

WIC posts 93 pct. active participants in July

The CNMI Women Infants Children program of the Department of Public Health posted a big percentage in the number of active participants in July.

Of the program's 5,071 certified participants, a total of 4,732 enrollees actively participated in July, which means a 93.31 percent participation rate, based on the WIC program's monthly statistical report.

The enrollees were mostly from Saipan, which had 4,314, while Tinian had 225 and Rota had 193.

The total amount redeemed by participants was \$346,497.48.

The data also showed that the total number of infants enrolled with the program last month was 1,287. This includ-

ed 1,176 on Saipan, 66 on Tinian and 45 on Rota.

Combining the three islands, participation by category shows a total of 1,004 women (21.22 percent), 879 infants (18.58 percent), and 2,849 children (60.21 percent).

WIC also reported 206 new certifications in the month of July (19.07 percent increase), 624 who were recertified (57.78 percent) and 250 who re-enrolled (23.15 percent).

By demographics, Pacific Islanders who participated totaled 2,360 (49.87 percent), while Asians totaled 2,346 (49.58 percent). Others were African-Americans (10), Caucasians (9) and native Americans (7).

Meanwhile WIC is remind-

ing the public that it is now issuing vouchers for the new food package.

The new package will begin on Oct. 1.

However, the clinic will be closed within this week because of the ongoing lactation counsel-or certificate training program at the Tanapag Head Start.

Resource speakers from the Health Children's Center for Breastfeeding based in Massachusetts are conducting the training, which is sponsored by the World Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund.

Clinic operations on Saipan, Tinian and Rota will resume on Monday. (*Nazario Rodriguez Jr.*)



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Saipan native becomes NY law professor

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y.—Law professor Rose Cuison-Villazor, a graduate of Mt. Carmel High School on Saipan in the Northern Mariana Islands, has been named Associate Professor of Law at Hofstra Law in New York, together with two others.

Hofstra Law Dean Nora V. Demleitner said that Cuison-Villazor, Professor of Law at the College of Law, and an LL.M. from Columbia University. She comes to Hofstra Law from Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, where she was an assistant professor of law for three years, teaching property, immigration law and an advanced citizenship seminar. While at SMU, she organized a colloquium on law and citizenship, which she will continue at Hofstra beginning fall 2010.

Previously, Cuison-Villazor served as a human rights fellow at Columbia Law School, where she focused on the domestic application of international human rights. After graduating from law school, she clerked for the

Honorable Stephen H. Glickman on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. She then received an Equal Justice Works Fellowship to work for New York Lawyers for the Public Interest from 2001 to 2004.

Cuison-Villazor's scholarship focuses on the ways property law, immigration law, racism, colonialism and culture have shaped the definitions, rights and privileges of citizenship. She is co-editor of and contributor to a forthcoming book titled *Loving v. Virginia in a Post-Racial World: Rethinking Race, Sex, and Marriage* (Cambridge University Press).

Cuison-Villazor is currently researching the regulation of interracial marriages through the Soldier Brides Act of 1947, the negotiation for citizenship in formerly colonized territories and the recognition of birthright citizenship as a fundamental right in the U.S. territories.

Hofstra Law, ranked among the Top 100 U.S. law schools, is located in Hempstead, New York. (PR)



Cuison-Villazor

“Professors Nelson, Cuison-Villazor and Sample are accomplished academics and dedicated teachers,” said Dean Demleitner. “They join an existing group of distinguished scholars who are committed to preparing, challenging and inspiring students to make an impact.”

Cuison-Villazor was recently on Saipan to conduct a lecture titled, “Article 12, Claims to Culture and Political Rights: the Race vs. Political Identity Dilemma.” The lecture focused on the legal, historical and cultural relationships between Article 12 and other “blood quantum property laws” in American Samoa, Hawaii and other jurisdictions and situate them in constitutional jurisprudence.

Cuison-Villazor holds a bachelor's degree from The University of Texas, a J.D. from American University Washington

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

for Pancy Inc.

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Date : August 27, 2009, Thursday

Time : 6:00 pm

Place : Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan.

Above application may be viewed at the Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan. Comments on the project may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may also be submitted in writing to the Zoning Office no later than 4:30 pm, August 28, 2009. Written comments may be submitted via e-mail to staff@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or delivered to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, DanDan, Saipan.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please contact Victor Barrett, Zoning Administrator, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & Division 3 of Title 10 CMC).

/s/ Henry S. Hofschneider, Chairman.

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Rescue workers and nearby villagers clear the crash site Thursday, Aug. 13, 2009, where an Airlines PNG Twin Otter aircraft slammed into a mountain near Kokoda, Papua New Guinea.

3 bodies recovered in PNG plane crash

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea (AP)—Searchers recovered three bodies Thursday from the site where an airplane crashed and killed 13 people in the rugged mountains of Papua New Guinea, an official said.

None of the people on board Tuesday's Airlines PNG flight survived. Nine Australians, three Papua New Guineans and a Japanese were flying to the Kokoda tourist area when the plane vanished in bad weather on approach to the airport.

Civil Aviation Authority director Joseph Kintau said the recovered bodies remained at the crash site for now.

"There is a lot of work going on at the site but conditions are very difficult," Kintau said.

A number of Australian and local officials had trekked to the site Wednesday and other rescue workers and investigators were trying to fly in to a makeshift helipad but were stymied by bad weather Thursday.

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd told parliament that Australia

had deployed helicopters and dozens of police and military personnel to assist in recovery efforts as well as four specialist investigators from the Australian Transport Safety Bureau to help Papua New Guinea authorities collect and analyze evidence.

Officials were not immediately sure what caused the crash. In a statement, Airlines PNG said the plane's two pilots were "highly experienced."

Papua New Guinea Transport Minister Don Polye said Wednesday that he has ordered an investigation into the airline. He would not speculate on the cause of the crash.

The twin-engine plane left the capital of Port Moresby en route to an airport near Kokoda Track, a mountainous 60-mile (100-kilometer) trail. The plane's crew radioed air traffic controllers as it was approaching the airstrip, but the aircraft never landed, said Allen Tyson, a spokesman for Airlines PNG.

Eight Australian tourists and an Australian tour guide had planned to walk the trail as part of a trek organized by the adventure tour company No Roads Expeditions, the company said. Another guide from Papua New Guinea also was on board, it said.

Former Kokoda Track Authority CEO Warren Bartlett urged Papua New Guinea to upgrade the airstrip, saying it lacks white markers that would assist pilots landing their planes.

"It should be the initiative of the Papua New Guinea government to make a commitment to upgrade the airstrip and ask for donor aid assistance, possibly, from Australia or Japan or the World Bank or wherever," Bartlett told Australian Broadcasting Corp. television.

A 2006 inquiry into the need to upgrade the airstrip due to the increasing number of tourists found the upgrades would cost 3.5 million Australian dollars (\$2.9 million).

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OUT OF 60 APPLICANTS

Eight local recruits qualify for US Air Force

By NAZARIO RODRIGUEZ JR.
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REPORTER

Only eight out of 60 applicants from the CNMI recently qualified for the next step toward entry into the U.S. Air Force.

Those selected will be going to Guam to be processed, according to recruiter MSgt Dayne C. Thomas.

Thomas completed yesterday a two-day pre-screening and qualifying process for potential applicants at the Office of Military/Veterans Affairs on Capital Hill.

Thomas said the Air Force is always strict in its selection process.

"There is no limit but we have to make sure that we can only



Air Force recruiter MSgt Dayne C. Thomas interviews one of the applicants, Yerma Roberto, at the conclusion yesterday of a two-day pre-screening and qualifying process at the Office of Military/Veterans Affairs on Capital Hill. Another applicant, Alexis Bowie, studies the document.

take highly qualified individuals," he said.

Any individual who is 17-27 years old can apply. He or she must have a high school diploma, have no medical issue, and have good moral character.

The applicant must also obtain a score of at least 50 in the entrance examination, which is held twice a month at the Army Reserve Center.

The names of those who qualified are being withheld at the moment.

One of the possible qualified applicants, Alexis Bowie, is excited to start with the next process.

"I'm really interested to go in the Air Force. It's been my dream since high school," the

18-year old Bowie told reporters at the conclusion of the two-day pre-screening.

Bowie, a fresh graduate of Marianas High School, talked about the benefits that she could get if selected.

"There is actually more, like the GI Bill," she said.

She learned that after 36 months in the service, she would be able to pursue college.

"I'm doing it for myself and it is also a chance for me to serve," Bowie said.

Another last minute applicant was 22-year old Yerma Roberto, who works at IT&E.

"The reason I want to go in the Air Force is to prepare for my future and for my son's future," she said.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Right, happy birthday to our lovely parents/grandparents, Toi & Pat Reyes, who are celebrating their birthdays. May all your wishes come true and may the dear Lord continue blessing you both on your special day, always and forever! We love you! Greetings coming from your children and grandchildren!

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Left, birthday greeting to Tanya Mae Duenas of Chalan Kiya! Enjoy your special day! Greetings from Kiyoni.

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Bingo fundraiser

This is to notify the public that the GOP precinct club of election Precinct 3 is hosting a Bingo fundraiser at the Gapan Central Park today Aug. 14, 2009. Doors open at 5pm and early bird is at 6pm. Tickets (Bingo packages) are for sale at \$25 per package and \$30 at the door. The package starts at 7:30pm. Each player is guaranteed 12 games to make their money back with multiple options and game presentations to give each participant a fair chance at winning additional prizes. All participants must be at least 18 years old!


You may get your tickets

by contacting the following individuals and they will assist you: Ana D. Castro at 483-5377 or Cheryl D. Salalila at 285-6841 (PR)

Assistive technology
seminars on Tinian

The CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities’ Assistive Technology Program, Family Hope Center/FS 360 Project will be providing the following trainings for families of children with developmental disabilities and service providers on Tinian

- Assistive Technology on Legislation & Transition Into The Community, facilitated by Kelly Roberts, Ph.D.



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SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE
AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER (ATCT)
PROJECT NO. RFP-005-09

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for Preventive Maintenance of the Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) at the Saipan International Airport on the Island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The scope of work entails providing monthly maintenance services for the Tower, the Base Building and its surroundings. The detailed scope of work will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building on Friday, July 31, 2009. Proposers must submit all required documents listed in the scope of work. All responses to this RFP shall also take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project, including excise tax.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: “Proposal for the Preventive Maintenance of the Air Traffic Control Tower at the Saipan International Airport”. One original and two (2) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than **4:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME, FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2009**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a proposal bond issued by a CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier’s check in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Copies of approved surety companies and the bid bond form may be obtained with the scope of work at the office of the Executive Director.

Contractor will be required to obtain insurance policies based on CPA’s requirements. These requirements apply to contracts where the Consultant provides designated professional services to the Authority; i.e. appraisers, architects, equipment maintenance, messengers, construction managers, etc. and the total contract price is less than \$250,000. Copies of the insurance requirements may be obtained with the scope of work at the office of the Executive Director.


The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA’s best interest.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ EDWARD B. MENDIOLA
Acting Executive Director

Date: July 28, 2009



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General Maintenance/Improvements to Lighting Fixtures
Saipan Commercial Port
CPA Project No. CPA-SS-003-09

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for the general maintenance/improvements to 117 light fixtures on thirteen (13) light poles, located along the ocean front of the dock at Saipan Seaport.

A detailed scope of work is available at the office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. The proposals shall include the following:

- Letter of Interest;
- Project timeframe;
- Available resources to accomplish project;
- Cost Proposal (in itemized scope of work format);
- Valid CNMI Business License; and
- Proof of insurance.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: “Proposal for the General Maintenance/Improvements to Lighting Fixtures at the Saipan Commercial Port”. The proposal must be submitted no later than **Monday, August 24, 2009, 4:30 p.m.**, to the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, at the Saipan International Airport.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond issued by a CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier’s check in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations Section 3.6. CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA’s best interest.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MR. EFRAIN F. CAMACHO, P.E.
Executive Director/Contracting Officer

Date: August 6, 2009

- Assistive Technology for LD, facilitated by Kiriko Takahashi, M.A.
 - Assistive Technology Demonstration & Device showcase, facilitated by Jerry McVicar.
- The trainings will be held at the Fleming’s Restaurant on Thursday, Aug. 20, 2009, from 8am to 4pm.
- For registration and information, contact Lillian Ada at 664-7000/1, Christie Sablan at 664-7003, or CDD at 664-7000/5. Special accommodation should be arranged with CDD five days before the event. (PR)

Puengin Inetnon
today

Puengin Inetnon will be held today, Aug. 14, 2009, at the Kagman Community Center’s parking lot. Puengin Inetnon is Kagman’s Friday Night Market that will take place every gov-

ernment payday. It will begin at 4:30pm and end at 10pm. There will vendors selling food, drinks, snacks, clothing, and crafts. The Library’s Bookmobile will also be there.

Puengin Inetnon is a family oriented event. Alcohol will be prohibited from the event. All are welcome. Come attend Puengin Inetnon for some family fun, right here in Kagman.

Interested vendors can call the Kagman Post Office at 256-POST for applications. (PR)

Kagman Saturday
Flea Market

Kagman’s Saturday Flea Market will be held tomorrow, Aug. 15, 2009, at the Kagman Community Center’s parking lot. It will be held every government payday Saturday. You may only sell your used items. Tents will be provided. Interested sellers can call the Kag-

man Post Office at 256-POST for more info. (PR)

Casting call for new
FOA play

Friends of the Arts is holding auditions for their first show of the 2009-2010 season, Arsenic and Old Lace. The cast includes parts for 14 adults—11 men and 3 women. The show is scheduled to be performed on Oct. 16, 17, 23, 24, and 25.

The play is a comedy that involves a theater-hating drama critic who finds himself having to deal with his crazy, homicidal family—two spinster aunts who have taken to poisoning lonely old men, an uncle that believes he is Teddy Roosevelt, and a murderous brother—and the local police.

Auditions will be held today, Aug. 14, from 6pm to 8pm, and on Saturday, Aug. 15, from 2pm to 4pm in the Napu Room at

PIC. For more information and to keep up on all Friends of the Arts news and events, join the “Friends of the Arts, Saipan” page on Facebook or contact us by email at FOA.Saipan@gmail.com. (PR)

Meeting of the
Autism Society
of the CNMI

The Autism Society of the CNMI will be holding its monthly meeting on Aug. 22, 2009, at 10am at the NMPASI Conference Room. Information regarding the group and future meetings will be available at this meeting. All families and friends of individuals with autism and autism related spectrum disorders are invited to attend.

For additional information, call John at 234-8803/4 or Larrisa at 322-3761 or send an email to as_cnmi@yahoo.com. (PR)



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
COMMONWEALTH ELECTION COMMISSION

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

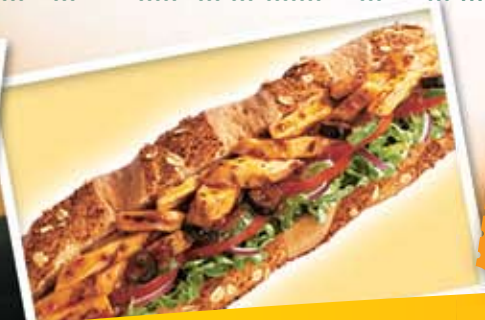
This is to inform the general public that the Commonwealth Election Commission has certified the following individual’s as candidates pursuant to §6323 of Public Law 12-18, as amended, for the 2009 General Election. The candidates are as follows:

Covenant Party			
Fitil, Benigno R./Inos, Eloy S.	Governor/Lt. Governor	Mendiola, Joseph M.	House of Rep. – Prec. V
San Nicolas, Jose P.	Mayor – Tinian	Manglona, Ross Hugh S.	House of Rep. – Prec. VII
Tudela, Marian DLG.	Mayor – Saipan	Santos, Teresita A.	House of Rep. – Prec. VII
Rebuenog, Ramona T.	Mayor – Northern Islands	Apatang, Alfred M. Jr.	Municipal Council – Rota
Borja, Joaquin H.	Senate – Tinian	Ogo, Arvin C.	Municipal Council – Rota
Mendiola, Joseph M.	Senate – Tinian	Taimanao, Brelinda A.	Municipal Council – Rota
Teregeyo, Ana S.	Senate – Saipan	Mendiola, Brian M.	Municipal Council – Rota
Kaipat, Jacinta M.	Senate – Saipan	Manglona, Eusebio M.	Municipal Council – Rota
Cabrera, Vicente C.	House of Rep. – Prec. I	Manglona, Prudencio A.	Municipal Council – Rota
Cepeda, Benjamin M.	House of Rep. – Prec. I	Hocog, Vincent Robert C.	Municipal Council – Rota
Taitano, Canice K.	House of Rep. – Prec. I	Barcinas, Gardner Trazan DLS.	Municipal Council – Rota
Tenorio, Froilan C.	House of Rep. – Prec. I	Hocog, George O.	Municipal Council – Rota
Tudela, Antonia M.	House of Rep. – Prec. I	Rosario, Vicente M.	Municipal Council – Rota
Palacios, Raymond D.	House of Rep. – Prec. II	Taisacan, John C.	Municipal Council – Rota
Demapan, Rafael S.	House of Rep. – Prec. II	Aquiningoc, Ignacio P.	Municipal Council – Tinian
Rabauliman, Henry K.	House of Rep. – Prec. III	Cabrera, Estevan P.	Municipal Council – Tinian
Elameto, Jesus M.	House of Rep. – Prec. III	Cruz, Joseph SN.	Municipal Council – Tinian
Villagomez, Edmund Joseph S.	House of Rep. – Prec. III	Manglona, Patrick A.	Municipal Council – Tinian
Maratita, David R.	House of Rep. – Prec. III	San Nicolas, Eric Henry C.	Municipal Council – Tinian
Ogumoro, Felicidad T.	House of Rep. – Prec. III	Villagomez, Eugene Henry L.	Municipal Council – Tinian
Camacho, Thomas Jesus	House of Rep. – Prec. IV	Camacho, Ramon Jose B.	Municipal Council – Saipan
Iguel, Sylvestre I.	House of Rep. – Prec. IV	Diaz, Eric D.	Municipal Council – Saipan
Quitugua, Daniel O.	House of Rep. – Prec. V	Blanco-Maratita, Lucia Linda	Board of Education – Tinian
Basa, Ramon S.	House of Rep. – Prec. V	Mendiola, James M.	Board of Education – Tinian
Aldan, Edwin P.	House of Rep. – Prec. VI	Guerrero, Herman T.	Board of Education – Saipan
Independent/Non-Partisan		Democratic Party	
Guerrero, Juan Pan T./Camacho, Joseph James N.	Governor/Lt. Governor	Villagomez, Angelo O.	Mayor – Saipan
Deleon Guerrero, Ramon S./Borja, David M.	Governor/Lt. Governor	Quitugua, Justo S.	Senate – Saipan
Mendiola, Melchor A.	Mayor – Rota	Brundidge, Willie Lee Jr.	House of Rep. – Prec. V
Mesngon, Steve K.	Mayor – Rota	Torres, Jesse David J.	House of Rep. – Prec. V
Hocog, Victor B.	Mayor – Rota	Republican Party	
Benavente, Roman C.	Mayor – Saipan	Hofschneider, Heinz S./Palacios, Arnold I.	Governor/Lt. Governor
Camacho, Antonio M.	Mayor – Saipan	Dela Cruz, Ramon M.	Mayor – Tinian
Sanchez, Jose DLG.	Mayor – Saipan	Flores, Donald Glenn	Mayor – Saipan
Tenorio, Lino S.	Mayor – Saipan	Cruz, Francisco Q.	Senate – Tinian
Demapan, Juan S.	Mayor – Saipan	Hofschneider, Jude U.	Senate – Tinian
Taman, Candido B.	Mayor – Saipan	Reyes, Pete P.	Senate – Saipan
Aldan, Tobias DLC.	Mayor – Northern Islands	Torres, Ralph Anthony DLG.	Senate – Saipan
Ayuyu, Juan M.	Senate – Rota	Benavente, Diego T.	House of Rep. – Prec. I
Hocog, Paterno S.	Senate – Rota	Cabrera, Eliceo D.	House of Rep. – Prec. I
Mundo, Norbert H.	Senate – Rota	Deleon Guerrero, Joseph P.	House of Rep. – Prec. I
Quitugua, Joey Anthony	Senate – Rota	Maratita, Janet Ulloa	House of Rep. – Prec. I
Pendergrass, Calista T.	Senate – Rota	Palacios, Joseph M.	House of Rep. – Prec. I
Taimanao, Jovita M.	Senate – Rota	Sablan, Antonio P.	House of Rep. – Prec. I
Camacho, Paul William	Senate – Saipan	Atalig, Eric B.	House of Rep. – Prec. II
Cruz, Gregorio S.	Senate – Saipan	Tenorio, Manuel A.	House of Rep. – Prec. II
Sablan, Christina Marie Elise	Senate – Saipan	Aquino, Daniel I. Jr.	House of Rep. – Prec. III
Guerrero, Victoria T.	House of Rep. – Prec. I	Castro, Jesus M.	House of Rep. – Prec. III
Palacios, Raymond U.	House of Rep. – Prec. I	Dela Cruz, Francisco S.	House of Rep. – Prec. III
Aldan, Ramon B.	House of Rep. – Prec. II	Salas, Ramon S.	House of Rep. – Prec. III
Torres, Henry A.	House of Rep. – Prec. II	Tebuteb, Ramon A.	House of Rep. – Prec. III
Camacho, Miguel A.	House of Rep. – Prec. III	Yumul, Ray N.	House of Rep. – Prec. III
Chong-Dela Cruz, Rita C.	House of Rep. – Prec. III	Babauta, Juan R.	House of Rep. – Prec. IV
Torres, Stanley Estanislao Tudela M.	House of Rep. – Prec. III	Camacho, Francisco DLG.	House of Rep. – Prec. IV
Camacho, George N.	House of Rep. – Prec. IV	Demapan, Jose S.	House of Rep. – Prec. V
Deleon Guerrero, Frederick P.	House of Rep. – Prec. V	Santos, Rosemond B.	House of Rep. – Prec. V
		Conner, Trenton B.	House of Rep. – Prec. VI

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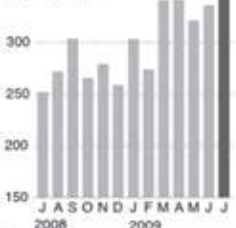
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Foreclosures rise

Foreclosure filings 360,149
350 thousand



SOURCE: RealtyTrac

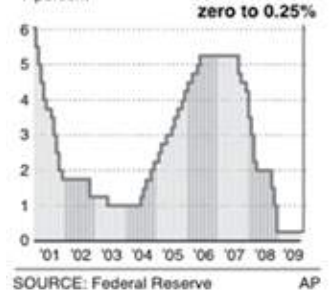
By ALAN ZIBEL
AP REAL ESTATE WRITER

Foreclosure filings were up 32 percent from the same month last year,

Banks repossessed more than 87,000 homes in July, up from about 79,000 homes a month earlier.

Low rate holds steady

Federal funds rate
7 percent



While there have been numer-

ous recent signs that the ailing U.S. housing market is finally stabilizing after three years of plunging prices, foreclosures remain a big concern. Foreclosures are typically sold at a deep discount, hurting neighbors' home values.

Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues said

the economy appeared to be “leveling out”—a considerable upgrade from their last meeting in June, when the Fed observed only that the economy’s contraction was slowing.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Oil rises as US imports jump, China buys crude

NEW YORK (AP)—Oil prices rose Wednesday as the market reacted favorably to signs of an increase in future demand in China and a further loosening of the recession's grip in the U.S. Benchmark crude for September delivery climbed 71 cents to settle at \$70.16 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Pump prices added two-tenths of a penny overnight to a new national average of \$2.645 a gallon. A gallon of regular unleaded is 11.6 cents more expensive than it was last month, but it's still \$1.154 cheaper than the same time last year.

good news for America's manufacturing sector. Those companies benefited from higher shipments of semiconductors, aircraft and telecommunications equipment. The Commerce Department said the deficit rose 4 percent to \$27 billion, from May's \$26 billion. The May imbalance had been the lowest deficit in nearly a decade.

WTO win could open China's door to US companies

GENEVA (AP)—The World Trade Organization backed the United States Wednesday in a major trade battle with China, issuing a ruling that could ease tight controls and open markets for U.S. makers of everything from DVDs to books and music downloads. The decision came down decisively against Beijing's policy of forcing American media producers to route their business through state-owned companies. It will not yield immediate revenues in Hollywood or Silicon Valley, and it may take sanctions—or the threat of them—to force China to ease access for U.S. companies to the world's largest marketplace.

June trade deficit rises, imports and exports up

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. trade deficit edged up in June as imports rose for the first time in 11 months and exports rose for the second straight month, confirming that the global recession is easing its grip. The first back-to-back gains for exports in a year were especially

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

IN THE MATTER) FCD-CN
OF THE PETITION) CIVIL
FOR THE CHANGE) ACTION
OF NAME OF:) NO. 09-0256

MASAMI MIRANDA) **NOTICE**
SATO) **OF**
) **HEARING**

A Minor Child)
)
By:)
MICHIO SATO)
Petitioner (s))
_____)

Notice is hereby given that the
above-entitled matter is set for a
hearing on August 24, 2009 at 1:30
p.m. in Courtroom 205A, before the
Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 7th day of July, 2009.

Bernadita A. Sablan
Clerk of Court

/s/ By: Deputy Clerk of Court

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pro se

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

In Re The Matter Of The Petition To Appoint General Guardianship For:)	FCD GU Civil Action No. 09-0449
J.R.F.,)	NOTICE OF
Minor Child,)	HEARING
By:)	
VIRGINIA FAISAO,)	
Petitioner.)	

Notice is hereby given
that the above-entitled
matter is set for a hearing
on August 25, 2009, at
9:00 a.m. in Courtroom
205A, before Associate
Judge Govendo.

Dated this 31st day of
July 2009.

/s/ Bernadita Sablan
Clerk of Court

Yan Hua W. Marshall
PMB 4163 Box 10002
Saipan, MP 96950
Telephone No. 322-2007/483-8883

Pro se

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

In Re The Matter) FCD GU
Of The Petition To) CIVIL
Appoint General) ACTION
Guardianship For:) NO. 09-0320
)
(Child's New Name),)
(Yi Nuo Wang)) **NOTICE**
) **OF**
) **HEARING**
Minor Child)
By:)
)
(Yan Hua W. Marshall))

Petitioners

Notice is hereby given that the
above-entitled matter is set for a
hearing on August 24, 2009, at 1:30
p.m. in courtroom 205, before
Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 3rd day of June, 2009.

BERNADITA SABLAN
Clerk of Court

/s/Deputy Clerk of Court



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REVISED PUBLIC NOTICE

August 12, 2009

SAIPAN AIRPORT and SEAPORT PARKING

This is to inform the general public that the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) installed a new system for the parking facilities at the Saipan International Airport, the Commuter terminal and the Port of Saipan. The new system, which will begin operating on August 20, 2009, dispenses a plastic card upon entry and the card is returned when exiting. The system reads the elapsed time between entry and exit and indicates the appropriate charge.

The Commuter Terminal and the Port of Saipan will be given a grace period of ten (10) minutes. A fee of \$1.00 will be charged when the elapsed time between entry and exit exceeds ten (10) minutes for the first hour and an additional dollar for each additional hour or a fraction of an hour. **THE PARKING FEE COLLECTION AT THE COMMUTER TERMINAL WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2009.**

The parking fee at the Saipan International Airport for the first hour is one dollar and an additional dollar for each additional hour or a fraction of an hour.

The total charge for each 24-hour period is \$10.00 for the Main Terminal, Commuter Terminal and the Port of Saipan. For each additional hour or fraction of an hour, an additional dollar will be charged.

A customer who loses a parking card will be charged \$10.00 for the lost card and will also be charged the appropriate parking fee for the time parked. The customer with the lost parking card may be required to park on the side to allow other customers to exit first and then give time for the parking booth attendant to check the system to resolve the matter.

A customer with a valid Handicap Placard will not be charged any parking fee as long as the handicap person who was issued the placard is present in the vehicle. All customers with a valid Handicap Placard should call the CPA Accounting Office.

All parking fees are non-refundable.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. JoyAnn DeLeon Guerrero at (670) 237-6500.

EFRAIN F. CAMACHO, P.E.
Executive Director

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ACROSS THE NATION

Bodies of Italians killed in air crash going home

NEW YORK (AP)—The remains of five Italian tourists killed in the air collision over the Hudson River were taken to Kennedy Airport to be sent home Wednesday as divers recovered about 50 pieces of the helicopter in which they had plunged to their deaths. Family members and friends—many wearing the casual clothing they brought for their New York vacation—held a private Roman Catholic prayer service for the victims at Campbell's Funeral Home in Manhattan. A police escort led the five black hearses that had lined Madison Avenue to the airport. The remains were being flown to Milan on Wednesday on Alitalia Airlines, according to Italian Deputy Consul Maurizio Antonini in New York.

Pa. man gets 120 years for making child porn

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A seldom-employed psychopath was sentenced to 120 years in prison Wednesday for making a huge cache of child pornography that shows him sexually assaulting a dozen children, including infants at a girlfriend's in-home day care. The FBI found John Jackey Worman with more than 1 million images of child pornography when they arrested him in suburban Philadelphia in 2007. Worman made girls in his care perform sex acts for school lunch money, and had a girlfriend's son sleep in a locked wooden crate in his filthy basement for several years. The sentencing judge described Worman, 42, of Colwyn as a psychopath who sponged off women and sadistically coerced his young victims.

Jam-packed crowds press Grassley on health care

PANORA, Iowa (AP)—Sen. Charles Grassley, a Republican who is a key bargainer on health care reform, played to packed crowds across the state who left little doubt that they are not happy with what's on the table. The questions were tough but respectful, and there was little of the shouting that has dominated similar meetings in other parts of the country. "It seems to me that people are expressing, not just on health care, but people are just very scared about the direction the country is taking," said Grassley, who emphasized that he hasn't signed off on anything. Grassley is the ranking Republican on the Senate Finance Committee and he's been deep in bargaining seeking a compromise health care plan that could get some Republican votes.

Kidnap victim in

Miss. beats alleged sex attacker

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—Police had been watching Vincent Goff for years, convinced he was the masked man who sexually assaulted couples at gunpoint on the Mississippi coast. But before investigators closed in, they say Goff picked the wrong victim and was beaten nearly to death with his own rifle. Goff, a 37-year-old unemployed Biloxi man with a wife and two stepsons, was being held Wednesday in the Harrison County Jail after spending five days in a hospital recovering from severe head wounds. Goff allegedly approached a man and woman last Thursday afternoon on an isolated logging road in Harrison County and forced them into the woods with a rifle, Sheriff's Maj. Ron Pullen said Wednesday. They were forced to strip off their clothes and told to perform sexual acts when the male victim, described as a physically fit member of the military in his mid-30s, wrestled the gun away.

Army Corps finds World War I chemical, halts dig

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is halting its search for World War I-era chemical weapons in a Washington, D.C., neighborhood after workers found an open glass flask containing traces of the chemical agent mustard. The discovery was made last week at a vacant home behind American University, where chemical weapons were developed and tested during World War I. Army Corps project manager Dan Noble says the mustard agent was uncovered two feet below ground but the Corps is confident there was no public exposure. Eight workers underwent precautionary tests but didn't show symptoms.



CNMI COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PRESENTS THE:

2009 Assistive Technology Fair



**Tuesday, August 18, 2009
8:00 a.m. to 5:00p.m.
Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan
(Hibiscus Hall)**

**Activities for the day include:
Registration @ 7:30 am**

Keynote Speaker

- Kelly Roberts, Ph.D., ATP: AT Legislation
- Kiriko Takahashi, M.A.,: AT for LD
- Vendor Display
- AT Demonstration
- AT Device Showcase
- Web-Training for Service Providers

Light refreshments will be served.

For registration and information, please contact Christie Sablan at 664-7003 or CDD at 664-7000/5. Special Accommodation should be arranged with CDD seven (7) days before the event.



NOTICE OF APPLICATION

**COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT
2ND FLOOR, MORGAN BUILDING, SAIPAN MP, 96950
TEL. NO. 664-8300 FAX NO. 664-8315
August 14, 2009**

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CRM OFFICES:

DATE APPLICATION APPLICANT	APPLICATION PROJECT RECEIVED	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. SHELL MARIANAS	07/19/09 SPI-87-X-74 (2009 Amend)	ABOVE GROUND FUEL STORAGE TANK	PUERTO RICO	PORT & INDUSTRIALAPC	APPROVED (07/29/09)
2. SAIPAN SHIPPING CO. INC	08/06/09 SPI-2009-X-056	PARKING & DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT	PUERTO RICO	PORT & INDUSTRIAL APC	UNDER REVIEW*
3. MANGLONA ROCK QUARRY	08/11/09 RMS-2009-X-057	QUARRY OPERATION	ROTA	MAJOR SITING	UNDER REVIEW*

Publication of the above list is in accordance with CRM Regulations, which require all permit applications to be published in a local newspaper within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the CRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the CRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APC's) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local CRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a CRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the CRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the CRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the CRM Regulations.

World

Scores of Filipino troops and militants die in clash

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine troops suffered some of their worst losses in an offensive against al-Qaida-linked militants on a southern island in which at least 23 soldiers and 20 guerrillas were killed, officials said Thursday.

Troops continued to scour the battlefield following clashes Wednesday with Abu Sayyaf militants in two of their jungle camps on Basilan Island, and the tally of slain guerrillas could rise, said regional military commander Maj. Gen. Benjamin Dolorfino.

“It was a slugfest,” Dolorfino told The Associated Press by

telephone. “It was really close-quarter fighting so we couldn’t use our artillery,” he said, adding troops were pursuing small pockets of fleeing gunmen.

Although weakened by years-long U.S.-backed offensives, about 400 Abu Sayyaf gunmen on Basilan and nearby Jolo Island and the Zamboanga peninsula have recently turned to ransom kidnappings to raise funds for terror attacks, officials said.

The militants held three international Red Cross workers on Jolo for several months this year, as well as a dozen Filipino hostages. All have been released or rescued.

WORLD BRIEFS

Boat with 77 people intercepted by Australia

ADELAIDE, Australia (AP)—A boat carrying 77 suspected asylum seekers was intercepted Thursday in the Indian Ocean, the latest in a string of such vessels caught in Australian waters this year. Home Affairs Minister Brendan O’Connor said in a statement that the vessel was stopped at 2 a.m. just 21 nautical miles north of Christmas Island, an Australian territory 1,600 miles (2575 kilometers) northwest of the mainland, just south of Indonesia. “The group will be transferred to Christmas Island where they will undergo security, identity and health checks as well as establish their reasons for travel,” O’Connor

said. Their nationalities were not immediately known.

Magnitude 6.5 quake hits off east coast of Japan

TOKYO (AP)—A magnitude-6.5 earthquake hit off Japan’s eastern coast early Thursday, the country’s Meteorological Agency said. There were no immediate reports of damage or casualties. The agency said there was no danger of damage from a tsunami. The quake hit at 7:49 a.m. (1049 GMT) off the coast of Hachijo, a small island about 170 miles (275 kilometers) south of Tokyo, at a depth of 25 miles (40 kilometers).

French pool bars Muslim woman for ‘burquini’ suit

PARIS (AP)—A Muslim woman garbed in a head-to-toe swim-suit—dubbed a “burquini”—may have opened a new chapter in France’s tussle between religious practices and its stern secular code. Officials insisted Wednesday they banned the woman’s use of the Islam-friendly suit at a local pool because of France’s pool hygiene standards—not out of hostility to overtly Muslim garb. Under the policy, swimmers are not allowed in pools with baggy clothing, including surfer-style shorts. Only figure-

hugging suits are permitted.

Myanmar’s Suu Kyi says conviction ‘totally unfair’

YANGON, Myanmar (AP)—Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi called the verdict returning her to house arrest “totally unfair,” but remains cheerful and alert, her lawyer said Wednesday. Four of her lawyers were allowed to visit the Nobel Peace Prize laureate at her lakeside home for an hour to discuss an appeal of her conviction Tuesday on charges of violating the terms of her previous house arrest. “Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said the conviction was totally unfair and the court’s assessment of the case was not just,” lawyer Nyan Win said. “Daw” is a term of respect for older women. Her defense had contended that it was the responsibility of the police guarding her house to keep out intruders.

Marines launch new Afghan assault against Taliban

DAHANEH, Afghanistan (AP)—U.S. Marines battled Taliban fighters Wednesday for control of a strategic southern town in a new operation to cut militant supply lines and allow Afghan residents to vote in next

week’s presidential election. Insurgents appeared to dig in for a fight, firing volleys of rocket-propelled grenades, mortar rounds and even missiles from the back of a truck at the Marines, who were surprised at the intense resistance. By sunset, Marines had made little progress into Dahaneh beyond the gains of the initial pre-dawn assault. Fighting accelerated after sundown, and officers predicted a couple of days of intense combat before the town could be secured.

Government denies reports bomber to be freed

EDINBURGH, Scotland (AP)—Sky News and BBC television reported Wednesday that Lockerbie bomber Abdelbaset Ali al-Megrahi was to be freed from his Scottish prison on compassionate grounds, but the minister in charge of deciding al-Megrahi’s fate denied that any such decision had been made. Neither news network cited a source for its report. Scottish Justice Minister Kenny MacAskill, who was due to decide whether to release al-Megrahi, told a local television station he had yet to make up his mind. A call and an e-mail sent to al-Megrahi’s Scottish lawyer were not immediately returned late Wednesday.



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PUBLIC NOTICE
OVERSTAYERS REPORT
Friday, August 14, 2009, First Publication
Friday, August 21, 2009, Second Publication


Notice is hereby given that, according to the records maintained by the Commonwealth as of August 10, 2009, the following persons have overstayed the permission granted upon their entry to the Commonwealth for employment purposes. Persons in an overstay status are required to depart the Commonwealth immediately. Persons who depart the Commonwealth voluntarily are eligible to return; those who are deported are not eligible to return.

Permissions granted upon entry may have been extended or the entry status may be changed under a number of different provisions of the Commonwealth law, but all extensions and changes must be documented and the applicable fees paid. If the necessary applications and supporting document have not been correctly completed, filed, or recorded, a name may appear in overstay status although an extension may have been granted upon completion or recording of the necessary documentation.


If your name is on the list set out below and you have or should have a current status allowing you to be in the Commonwealth, please report to Dennis Cabrera, Division of Administrative Hearing Office, second floor, Afetña Square Building, San Antonio, Saipan, no later than August 28, 2009, to correct the records.

Name	LIDS No.	
**	EDRIS	280614
ABRERA, MANUEL FERRER	299698	
AGUJA, BENJAMIN A	129735	
ALI, MD ROJAB	113375	
ALMOJELA, EFREN CASOL	297698	
ARANCES, ANA LIZA BUNANE	310726	
ARAYATA, BONAFAE E	143603	
ASCANO, JOEMARIE M	128625	
ASIA, MARKLY SILVANO	291144	
BALITAAAN, VENANCIO C	137339	
BRAVO, TEODOSIO SAPASAP	310228	
BRILLO, ELMER R	138531	
CAACBAY, JUANITA GANITNIT	111917	
CABRADILLA, CARMEN Q	114706	
CACABELOS, FERNANDO L	299193	
CAI, NAN REN	291444	
CALUYA, ROGELIO GUARDA	294009	
CAMACHO JR, DIONISIO A	131253	
CHEN, QIAN XIAO	310762	
CHEN, CHUN FANG	170418	
CHENG, XINFENG	310008	
CONSUL, DECOROSO R	126766	
CUIZON, MARION D	137227	
CUNAN, NOFRIDO M	141921	
DECHA, PHANTHIP	292028	
DEL ROSARIO, RICARDO G.	125325	
DELA ROSA, ROSALIE JAYAWON	299009	
EDPAO, NELSON C	119252	
EGUIA, CARLITO E	113716	
ESTILLORE, JOSEPHINE T	124939	
FALALIMPA, MARIEL M	112628	
FALLER, LOIDA DE JESUS	295505	
FELICIDARIO, RUBEN E	148005	
FENG, SHAOTAI	155060	
GU, LI PING	138399	
GUCILATAR, PEDRO RUTAS	174214	
GUEVARRA, ALEXANDER A	107628	
HAN, LIANHUA	170688	
HAN, WEINU	194935	
HERNANDEZ, ANA MARIA C	129416	
HORNEJAS, ERWIN T	124716	
HUA, LI RONG	286128	
HUANG, GUANGLIANG	141257	
HUANG, ZHAOTONG	172961	
HUANG, ZHENSHUANG	173852	
ISIP, KEITH G	119758	
JABINAR, EDGARDO A	148697	
JEUNG, CHA GEE	288719	
JIN, JIHONG	194187	
JO, MIN	201684	
KWON, MESUN	312583	
LAGARTOS, TEOFILO CUYUG	121853	
LAURELES, EVELINDA G	123336	
LAZAGA, FRANCISCO S	142784	
LI, QINGFENG	289583	

Name	LIDS No.
LI, QINGYUN	151144
LIJUAN, ZHANG	310034
LIN, JIE	189998
LIU, MEIYING	297883
LIU, YUE	299952
LIYING, MA	310037
LLAMADO, ARSENIA A	128841
LOYOLA, LAURO V	115576
MA, LINGLING	310561
MAMARIL, ALMA AGBUYA	182585
MANALOTO, AUGUSTO PASIGNA	185322
MEJIA, DANTE F	310793
MENDOZA, LEA B	128705
MICHAEL, BIGYAN B	313184
MILLARE, BERNADETH MESA	293438
MIRAM, ROLAND MORENO	284243
MORILLA, MARIO T	153684
MUGOL, MAURITO S	138257
NAILON, ALMA SANCHEZ	205874
ODICTA, JERALYN OLPINDO	293236
PARDALES, ILUMINADA P	131960
PASICOLAN, ANTHONY BATALLONES	297131
PRATHUMMET, THONGSEE	113533
QUISMUNDO, JERRY A	104677
RAMOS, MADEL BALABIS	311158
RANCE, LEANDRO G	142779
RAZZAK, ABDUR	144651
REDITA, LEDON CANTOR	296139
SACDALAN III, ARMANDO JAVIER	291567
SANAS, ROMILYN MALIGALIG	313000
SANTOS, JOCELYN UMAGUING	310727
SHANG, YULIAN	310775
SHAO, LIHONG	163246
SHEN, LIANGANG	302096
SHIBASAKI, NORIKO	312581
SUELA, FERDINAND A	138059
TABUZO, CHARLEY M	116022
TAI, XING YU	184514
TOBONGBANUA, ANALYN NAMIA	293676
TOCA, ROLEX LIM	283915
TRINIDAD, ROGELIO O	176002
TUMALAD, ARSENIO JR TORIANO	284913
TUMLOS, MA JEEYRIN DEJERO	161045
VALEROS, JUANITA A	136689
WANG, HONG	173819
WANG, MAIFEN	170148
WANG, XIAOPING	172101
XU, JINHUA	195360
XUE, CHUNLAN	313659
YANG, HAN JU	118363
YU, JIAN CHUN	142280
ZHANG, JINGER	199401
ZHANG, LIPING	310541
ZHANG, YIN	310553
ZHONG, GUAN PEI	108666



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NOTICE OF CLOSURE
APPEALS CASES
Friday, August 7, 2009, First Notice
Friday, August 14, 2009, Second Notice

Each of the appeals listed below has been adjudicated and closed by the Department of Labor. In each case, this is a final agency action. All claims, including all claims for money damages, and all claims for eligibility for transfer, have been either adjudicated or dismissed. Any appellant or appellee listed below who has not been served personally with the Secretary’s order adjudicating or dismissing case is now, as of the date of second publication of this notice, served with the order. A person served by means of this publication may obtain a copy of the Secretary’s order from the Executive Secretary. A person whose claim has been dismissed by the Administrative Hearing Office has fifteen (15) days from the date of second notice in which to appeal the order. This publication does not affect any prior order served personally or by mail on any person.

Any appellant or appellee who has a claim covered by or a part of any of these cases that has not been adjudicated or included in a final order of the Secretary should report to the Executive Secretary at the Department of Labor, second floor, Afetna Square Building, San Antonio on or before August 31, 2009 with the necessary documentation with respect to the claim.

Case No.	Appellant	Appellee
L.C. #08-135	Cruz, John John H.	Sablan, Ramon M.
D.C. #08-971	Ha Young Corporation (Employer) and Kang, Byung Dong (Employee)	Director of Labor
L.C. #02-199	Huang, Xiao Bai (Employee)	New Saipan Development Inc. (Employer)
Request for Extension of Time to Transfer	Li, Zhi Qiu	N/A
L.C. #08-190	Liu, Yuehan	United International Corporation
D.C. #08-318	Nagpacan, Edwin G.	Director of Labor
L.C. #05-240	Qian, Meiling	Song Yong Jun dba Banana Karaoke Bar
L.C. #07-208	Rasalingam, Kanagasabai	TKL Ents., Inc. dba American Joint Partners, Ltd.
L.C. #06-194 and CAC #06-071-06	Wu, Qi Chen	Takai, Rosie
Request for Extension of Time to Transfer	Zhang, Wei Lin	N/A
L.C. #05-282	Zhou, Ai Ju	Concorde GMT., Mfg., Corporation



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
State Board of Education
Public School System
P. O. Box 501370, Saipan, MP 96950



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PSS RFP 09-020

MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTATION SERVICES FOR THE PSS HEAD START PROGRAM

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from individuals or firms interested in providing Mental Health Consultation Services for the Public School System's Head Start Program. Detailed information on the scope of work is available at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950.

Proposals shall be in a sealed envelope face marked "RFP 09-020" containing (1) original and three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office no later than September 8, 2009 at 10 A.M. Any proposal submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted.

Questions must be in writing and addressed to Kathleen Keiko Yamagata, Head Start Program Director via fax to 670.664.3760 or e-mail to keikoyamagata74@yahoo.com.

The Public School System reserves the right to award single or multiple awards or to reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part, if to do so is in the best interest of the Public School System.

/S/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Education

/S/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer



Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI) is soliciting proposals for the financial and compliance audit for fiscal year ending September 30, 2009. NMPASI is the designated, federally funded protection and advocacy system for persons with disabilities in the CNMI. NMPASI uses a variety of individual and systems advocacy approaches to protect people's right, including legal and administrative remedies, legislative, policy change and trainings. Proposals for the financial and compliance audit shall be submitted to NMPASI, P.O. Box 503529, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than September 4, 2009. The audit shall be performed in compliance with the following guidelines:

1. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards;
2. OMB Circular A-133; and
3. Compliance with the General Requirements Applicable to Federal Financial Assistance Program

Award will be based on specific factors such as prior experience, technical competence, ability to meet the deadline and price in this order. The contract for this audit will be awarded no later than October 1, 2009. The audit work shall commence by December 1, 2009, and a final audit report shall be completed by February 28, 2010. A list of specific audit requirements and Agency's profile are available at NMPASI office, Gualo Rai. Any questions regarding this matter can be addressed to Mr. James Rayphand, Executive Director at Tel. No 235-7274/7273.



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INVITATION TO BID ITB09-GOV-130

Supply and Installation of Typhoon Shutters
CJPA #1315, CNMI Passport Office #1321 and DPW Building #1353

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, are soliciting sealed bids for the Supply and Installation of Typhoon Shutters to three (3) CNMI Government Buildings, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI):

The project package will be available Tuesday, August 04, 2009 at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Building No. 1356, Mednilla Avenue, Capitol Hill. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall comply to the minimum wage requirement pursuant to the CNMI and Federal laws.

There will be a Pre-bid Conference/Site Visit for this project on August 07, 2009, 9:00 a.m., local time, at one of the project sites, CNMI Passport Office, 1321 Ascencion Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on August 08, 2009 to Mr. Carl Castro, Project Coordinator, Building No. 1356, Mednilla Avenue, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or fax to (670) 664-2408.

Sealed bids must be marked **"ITB09-GOV-130"**. An original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, August 18, 2009. Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 11:00 a.m. local time, August 18, 2009. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid bond of fifteen percent (15 %) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the CNMI Attorney General.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price. The surety company providing the Performance and Payment bonds must be authorized to conduct business in the CNMI and possess unencumbered assets equal to the penal amount of each bond. Performance time for completion of this project is sixty (60) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by sixty (60) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ Benigno R. Fitial, Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
Procurement and Supply, DOF



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INVITATION TO BID ITB09-GOV-131

Roof Repair – Criminal Justice Planning Agency (CJPA)

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, are soliciting sealed bids for the Roof Repair – Criminal Justice Planning Agency (CJPA) Building No. 1315 Capitol Hill, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI):

The project package will be available Tuesday, August 04, 2009 at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Building No. 1356, Mednilla Avenue, Capitol Hill. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall comply to the minimum wage requirement pursuant to the CNMI and Federal laws.

There will be a Pre-bid Conference/Site Visit for this project on August 07, 2009, 10:00 a.m., local time, at the project site, CJPA Office, 1315 Guguan Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on August 08, 2009 to Mr. Carl Castro, Project Coordinator, Building No. 1356, Mednilla Avenue, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or fax to (670) 664-2408.

Sealed bids must be marked **"ITB09-GOV-131"**. An original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 2:00 p.m. local time, August 18, 2009. Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 3:00 p.m. local time, August 18, 2009. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

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/s/ Benigno R. Fitial, Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
Procurement and Supply, DOF

Ship disappears after sail through English Channel

LONDON (AP)—First the ship reported it had been attacked in waters off Sweden. Then it sailed with no apparent problems through one of the world's busiest shipping lanes. And then it disappeared. The *Arctic Sea*, a Maltese-flagged cargo ship, was supposed to make port in Algeria with its cargo of timber on Aug. 4. More than a week later, there's no sign of the ship or its Russian crew.

Piracy has exploded off the coast of lawless Somalia—but could this be an almost unheard of case of sea banditry in European waters?

"If this is a criminal act, it appears to be following a new business model," Marine intelligence expert Graeme Gibbon-Brooks told *Sky News* on Wednesday.

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev ordered the country's defense minister on Wednesday to take "all necessary measures" to find the missing cargo ship and, if necessary, to free its crew, the Kremlin said. Wives and other relatives of the crew members issued an appeal to the Russian government to carry out a full-scale rescue mission, using all of Russia's special services.

The mystery began on July 24, when the 15 crew members of the *Arctic Sea* said they were tied up and beaten by a group of up to 10 men who boarded the ship off the Swedish island of Oland. The masked men identified themselves as police officers—but Swedish police said they hadn't been searching ships in that area.

Swedish police investigator

Ingemar Isaksson said the crew then claimed that the men left the ship 12 hours later in a high-speed inflatable boat.

"We were very puzzled when we first heard about this," Isaksson said then. "I have never heard of anything like this in Swedish waters."

On July 28, the *Arctic Sea* made contact with British maritime authorities as it passed through the busy English Channel. The ship made a routine, mandatory report—saying who they were, where they were from, where they were going and what their cargo was. It appeared routine, said Mark Clark of Britain's Maritime and Coastguard Agency.

He said the agency is "extremely curious" about what happened to the ship.

"It's bizarre," he said. "There is no coastguard I know who can remember anything like this happening."

Where the ship was next spotted is uncertain. Russian media reports say the last contact was on July 30 when the ship was in the Bay of Biscay, and that it was later spotted by a Portuguese patrol plane, but there was no contact.

But Portuguese Navy spokesman Commander Joao Barbosa said "we can guarantee that the ship is not in Portuguese waters nor did it ever pass through Portuguese waters."

The cargo was shipped by Finnish wood supplier Rets Timber, and is worth 1.3 million euros (\$1.84 million), the company said.

Taiwan races to save typhoon survivors

CISHAN, Taiwan (AP)—Hundreds of villagers scurried from their homes minutes before floodwaters burst an embankment Thursday, as the military airlifted survivors from remote villages devastated in mudslides during last weekend's typhoon.

The military sent 4,000 new troops to join more than 10,000 soldiers already working to save thousands of survivors stranded in several villages in the island's south, the Defense Ministry said. Rescue efforts have been slow because many bridges and roads to hard-hit villages collapsed or were washed out by raging floodwaters.

Typhoon Morakot struck Taiwan over the weekend, dumping more than 80 inches (2 meters) of rain and unleashing the most devastating floods that the island has seen in 50 years.

The official death toll in Taiwan stands at 108, with 61 listed as missing. But several hundred more—nobody is sure how many—remain unaccounted for and are feared lost in the mudslides. The storm also killed 22 people in the Philippines and eight in China.

In the southern Taiwan township of Toayuan, 300 villagers were told to run to higher ground about 30 minutes before a lake created by floodwaters burst its banks, an official said, adding that two nearby lakes were expected to burst soon.

"There would be a massive amount of water flowing down the Laonung River, and we

have alerted villagers around to flee," relief official Hsu Chin-biao said.

Mud and rocks rushing down from mountains over the weekend blocked the flow of floodwaters to form the lakes, officials said.

The rains halted Thursday, permitting army helicopters to ferry scores of survivors from the remains of their villages to an improvised landing strip in the town of Cishan. Again and again the helicopters set down on the grounds of a school, as anxious relatives stood in the background waiting to hear the fate of their loved ones.

Not all of the news was good. "There's been a bad development at Minchu village," a police officer announced over a speaker as a dead body was unloaded from a Huey helicopter to a waiting ambulance.

But other choppers were ferrying the living—elderly men and women, small boys and girls, even infants—many looking dazed and bewildered.

The tension among relatives was palpable.

"I have my family members trapped out there," said a woman from Kaochung village who gave her surname as Yu. "They can't wait. If the rain resumes, the mountains around them will collapse."

The military has reported that it has traced some 1,000 villagers from the worst-hit village of Shiao Lin and two other stricken communities in the past two days. So far at least 300 of them have been airlifted to safety, said spokesman for relief operations Col. Chang Kuo-bin.

Message of Appreciation

From the family of

Ramon Santos Tenorio

Also known as **Pam**



We would like to extend our most heartfelt Na Un Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase to all our families and friends for their love and support as we mourned the loss of our beloved PAM.

Your thoughtfulness and unselfish support has helped us bear the sorrow of losing Pam so suddenly and unexpectedly. Your kind words, prayers, and the time you spent with us during the daily Mass and the Eucharistic Celebration has helped us ease the pain of coping with our beloved Pam's untimely passing.

We will always treasure in our hearts your kind generosity and unending support you have given us.

*From the bottom of our hearts,
Un Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase*

The Tenorio-Dela Cruz Family

In Loving Memory Of

Charlene Ilo Mettao Neelawala

Born: June 16, 1983 • Died: August 10, 2009

Parents:

Father: Francisco Faisao Mettao - Maria DL. Cruz Mettao
Mother: †Digna Kaipat Ilo

Reared Parents:

Joaquin Elameto Norita & Leonicia Rangamar Norita

Children:

Dineicia, Jacob, Kuiipo, Neilucia, Jaiko & K.C. Greg

Sisters:

Tricia Mettao & Greg Teregeyo (Marydin, Ashley, Trinie & Princess)
Geraldine M. Rahman & Aatur Rahman (Justin, Rebecca & Natisa)
Francisca Mettao
Jennifer Rangamar & Cris Mers (J.B., Meheina & Clifton)
April Mettao (Cody & Aidie)
Clair DL. Cruz Mettao
Shayna DL. Cruz Mettao
Cristian DL. Cruz Mettao

Brothers:

Francisco I. Mettao
Ben I. Mettao & Norma Neraifes (London)

Reared Brothers / Sisters:

Carmen M. Elameto & Andrew Lizama, Jack R. Norita,
Phylli R. Norita, Joshua R. Norita & Prince R. Norita

Daily mass is being offered every evening at San Jose Church at 7:00 pm. On September 18, 2009 at 7:00 am her remains will be escorted from CHC to San Jose Church. Christian mass will be offered at 10:00 am followed by her burial mass at 11:00 am.

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.
Children and Family

Off The Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Ore. burglary suspect caught in victim’s underwear
SALEM, Ore. (AP)—A burglary suspect confronted inside a garage was arrested wearing only underwear, and police said they weren’t even his. Marion County sheriff’s deputies said they responded to a call from a woman late Monday night who said her boyfriend had caught a burglar in their garage and was holding him for police. Deputies said the man was wearing nothing but the woman’s underwear. They later located large garbage bags full of women’s clothing, under-

wear, shoes and accessories in the suspect’s garage in the same neighborhood. Deputies charged a 47-year-old man with burglary, theft, criminal trespass and possession of illegal fireworks.

Chronic shoplifter pleads guilty in 61st arrest
CHICAGO (AP)—An 86-year-old Chicagoan who’s been arrested more than 60 times pleaded guilty to the latest charge against her after being accused of stealing wrinkle cream and other items from a grocery store. Ella Orko was arrested Aug. 2 after

authorities say she stuffed \$252 worth of items into her pants, including cosmetics, salmon, batteries and instant coffee. Orko had been charged with felony shoplifting, but that was reduced to a misdemeanor in exchange for her guilty plea Monday. Judge Marvin Luckman sentenced her to two days in jail, which is what she’s already served.

Woman says she was repeatedly bitten by otters
DRUMMOND, Wis. (AP)—An Austrian woman on vacation in Wisconsin is getting ra-

bies shots after she said she was bitten by otters while swimming in a lake. Brigitte France, 51, told the Duluth News Tribune that she was swimming on Lake Owen near Drummond last Wednesday when three otters suddenly appeared. Feeling concerned, she swam to shore. Just as she got there, she said, “there they were—one on the right leg and one on the left leg.” She said they swam off when she shook her legs, but not before biting her eight or nine times. Although France said the bites didn’t hurt much, she did go to a hospital, where doctors started a series of rabies shots.

Police say ‘money cleanser’ vanished with \$140,000
LAKEWOOD, Wash. (AP)—

Police said a mysterious woman known as Senora Monica offered to spiritually “cleanse” money for at least seven Hispanic families, but it was the families who got cleaned out. The woman vanished with \$140,000. The victims told police they met Senora Monica at a swap meet or heard her advertisements on Spanish-language radio. She advertised that she could help with anything from palm reading to infertility. The families turned over their money for “cleansing” and were supposed to get it back Sunday night at the woman’s storefront. She never showed, and police say much of the information on the business license for the store is false. They’re trying to figure out who she is. She’s described as Hispanic, 30 to 40 years old, 5 feet tall and 130

pounds, with long black hair.

Man spotted riding bicycle with gator on shoulders
BOUTTE, La. (AP)—The 3-foot-long alligator on a bicyclist’s shoulders was a real attention-getter. St. Charles Parish sheriff’s deputies stopped the cyclist. He allegedly ran, leaving both wheels and his toothy little rider. Capt. Pat Yoes, a spokesman for the sheriff’s office, said deputies booked 38-year-old Terron D. Ingram on Friday with resisting arrest, possessing drug paraphernalia, and cruelty to animals by abandonment. Alligator Control Officer Kenny Schmill said he released the gator into the marsh near Bayou Gauche. Yoes said he didn’t know where Ingram got the gator or what he had planned to do with it.

In his new life he now joins his:

- | | |
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| Wife | Trinidad Arriola Borja |
| Son | Juan A. Borja |
| Grandson | Joey Victorino S. Borja |
| Father | Vicente D. Borja |
| Mother | Victoria T. Borja and Angelina F. Borja |
| Father in law | Pedro Torres Arriola |
| Mother in law | Rosa Sablan Arriola |
| Son in law | Julian A. Concepcion |
| Brothers, Sisters | Ricardo T. Borja
Daniel T. & Joaquina S. Borja
Olympio T. Borja
Pedro T. Borja
Felis T. Borja
Manuel T. Borja
Teresita C. & Jesus Dela Cruz |
| In laws | Trinidad S. Sizemore
Jesus (Sibo) Sonoda
Juliana & Gregorio Arriola
Luis S. & Maria C. Arriola |

His spirit and memories will forever live in the heart of his:

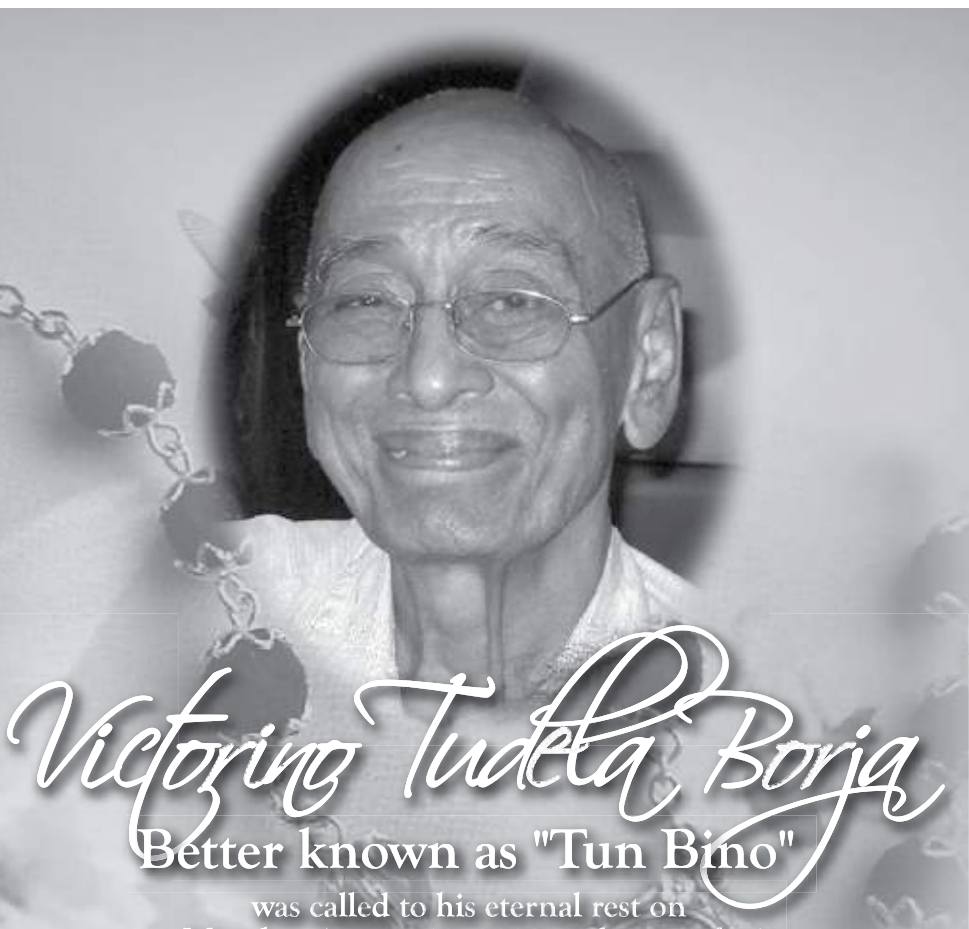
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| Children & Spouses | Rosita B. & Joaquin (Kilroy) Guerrero
Trina & PeterTorres (Jaylynn & Keona)
Kilroy B. Guerrero
Victoria & Vidal Camacho (VJ & Vayden)
Joaquin B. Guerrero Jr.

Victoria B. & (+) Julian A. Concepcion
Cartrina Concepcion & LJ Guerrero (JJ & Kingston)
Tanya Concepcion & John Iguel (Trini Marie)
Lorna Concepcion & John Paul Flores (Juden, Rocco & Blaze)
Victor Jude Concepcion & Roxanne Pangelinan (Jillian Jade)

Lucia B. & Gregory W. Hurst
Anthony (Charlie) & Michelle L. Hurst (Anthony Jr.)
Nanette Yvonne Hurst & Derick Aughenbaugh (Irieyana Ferne)

Joseph A. & Evelyn S. Borja
Kayla, Sage & Ohane

Juan A. & Jessica Borja
Keilani & Memo Olmos (Isaiah, Israel, Isabella)
Kaleb, Keanalyn, Kiamani |
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Victorino Tudela Borja

Better known as "Tun Bino"

was called to his eternal rest on
Monday, August 10, 2009 at the age of 76

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Reared Children: | Teresita R. and Fred Prosser and Children
Eugenia(Ginni) and Pedro Togawa and Children |
| Special Friends: | M/Mrs. James Gima |
| Reared Grandson: | Carlos K. Ketebenang |
| Special Pet: | Seena |
| Brothers, Sisters
in -laws | Carmen Dlg Borja Children
Antonia C. Borja & Children
Trinidad C. Borja
Concepcion & Joel Bernardo
Ignacia & Ceasar Villaluz & Children
Candelaria Borja & Children
Manuel F. Borja
Joaquin F. Borja
Francisco F. Borja & Children
Estephania & Francisco Chong & Children
Edward F. & Doreen Camacho |
| In - laws | Margarita S. Arriola & Children
Jose (Boya) A. Sonoda & Children
(+) Trinidad S. & William Sizemore & Children
(+) Jesus & Menchang Sonoda & Children
Rosie S. & Marvin Kessler & Children
Jesus Ramon & Anicia C. Sonoda & Children |

He is also survived by numerous Aunties, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews, Cousins and Godchildren.

Daily mass of intention will be at 6:00 am and nightly rosary will be at 7:30 pm at Kristo Rai Church.
On Tuesday, August 18, his remains will be escorted from Borja’s Funeral Home at 7:00 am to Kristo Rai Church. Christian mass will be held at 11:00 am.
After the mass, the burial will take place at the late Tun Bino’s residence at As Teo.

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.
Children, Grandchildren, and Family

Science & Technology

The lowdown on lightweight laptops

By ROB PEGORARO
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Laptop computers have taken over the market from desktops, but along the way many of them have become the functional equivalent of their desk-bound cousins. Laptop users tote them no farther than from one room to another, not really minding their heft or short battery life.

But many users—college students among them—still need laptops that survive away from desks and power outlets. Neither heavy “desktop replacements” nor ultralight netbooks with tiny screens and cramped keyboards work in that scenario.

This column is for those shoppers. What should they consider when looking for a new laptop?

Mac or Windows

There’s no getting around two issues. One, Windows computers have gotten a lot cheaper

than Apple’s Macs—a PC is easily found for as little as \$300 with the cut-down Home Basic edition of Windows Vista, while Apple’s cheapest laptop sells for \$999. Two, Mac OS X is better than Windows Vista. OS X boots up faster, uses less memory, needs less maintenance and faces far fewer security risks than Vista (and still lets you run Windows alongside OS X).

In other words, you’ll pay one way or another.

Both Apple and Microsoft will ship new operating systems this fall, with free or nearly free upgrades for anybody buying a laptop now. Apple says its OS X 10.6 Snow Leopard will include numerous performance improvements. Microsoft’s Windows 7 should also run more efficiently than its predecessor and brings some interface refinements to the Windows desktop. Both releases look promising, but history suggests that Apple’s upgrade will

be easier than Microsoft’s.

Weight and screen size

If the computer will be hanging

on how much care was taken with its design). That would probably limit you to a 13- or 14-inch screen—almost always with a webcam mounted above it. If you can accept a

doesn’t matter.

Memory

On a Mac, the standard 2 gigabytes of RAM should suffice for general use. In Windows Vista, 2 GB can also be fine, but many vendors now ship 3 or 4 GB. More is not necessarily better: Laptops with 4 GB almost always run the 64-bit version of Windows Vista, which can have problems with older software and hardware.

Storage

This has become another non-factor, as even cheap laptops have more disk space than typical users may know what to do with.

Graphics

If you enjoy computer games, get a laptop with a separate, “discrete” graphics card instead of “integrated” graphics support, which may not be able to handle fast-paced games.

Optical drives

Any machine you buy should be able to read and write CDs and DVDs. Some can also play Blu-ray discs, but that capability isn’t worth the extra cash. The same goes for LabelFlash and LightScribe disc labeling, which can etch a title on a CD or DVD’s top side.

Expansion

Those connectors and ports on the side of the laptop aren’t all equally useful. You can never have too many USB ports, but more esoteric inputs such as eSATA and, to a lesser extent, FireWire, may go unused.

Battery life

Many manufacturers won’t cite a number here, but you can bet those computers won’t run for more than three hours untethered. On some Windows laptops, you can buy higher-capacity batteries, a worthwhile upgrade if they don’t add more than half a pound. Apple, meanwhile, is switching to sealed-in-the-case batteries that run much longer: a 13-inch MacBook Pro played a collection of MP3s for just over five hours.

Processor speed

Unless you’ll be editing video most of the time, this

Q: My old PC has really slowed down. Can you recommend a registry cleaner to speed it up?

A: I wish I could do so with any great enthusiasm.

The Windows registry — a fiendishly complex database of software settings — can slow down a PC when too many uninstalled programs’ leftover registry entries accumulate. But registry-cleanup tools have issues of their own.

If something goes wrong during a registry-cleanup session, you can be left with a broken or inoperative system. If you avoid that fate, overly aggressive defaults can cause other issues: One program I’ve recommended before, the free CCleaner (ccleaner.com), will zap some useful Internet and system data unless you adjust its settings.

And even if you do everything right in a program such

Memory-card slots are extraordinarily handy (Apple, after years of denial, put an SD Card slot on its new MacBook Pro laptops), but ExpressCard slots usually accommodate only data cards for wireless carriers’ mobile-broadband services.

Wireless

Nearly all laptops have WiFi wireless. Some also include Bluetooth, which is helpful for connecting external mice and sending files to and from other computers and mobile phones. You may have the option of adding a mobile-broadband receiver, but that will add \$60 or so a month to the machine’s operating costs. (Many laptops don’t include dial-up modems, which aren’t missed.)

Software bundles

The third-party software pre-installed by most vendors only shows how desperate they are to auction off space on the hard drive and the desktop. What else can you conclude from garbage like desktop links to eBay or Amazon (do these manufacturers think we all just fell off the turnip truck?) or shortcuts for the NetZero and Juno online services on a modem-less HP (does HP even know its own hardware?).

Dell, however, ships its laptops with hardly any bundled junk from third parties, and Apple doesn’t include any.

Support

The only meaningful difference readers tell me about is the in-person support Apple users can get at the company’s own stores. It shouldn’t come as a surprise, then, that Microsoft is apparently adding a similar sort of help desk to the retail stores it’s planning to open.



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from your shoulder, don’t get one weighing more than five pounds or so (the power brick will add from half a pound to more than a pound, depending

12-inch display, it’s easier to keep the laptop’s weight below four pounds.

IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NEW LIFE JUAN TAISACAN BARCINAS

Fondly known as “John”
November 30, 1966 – August 11, 2009

In his new life, he now joins:

Grandparents: †Matias & Carmen Taisacan
†Maria Charfauros Barcinas

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

Wife: Lorenza Ogo Barcinas
Children: Paul Christopher Camacho (Guam)
Keith A. Ogo
Vicky Rose O. Barcinas & Clair Calvo
Patrick Anthony O. Barcinas
Keanu O. Barcinas
Keilani O. Barcinas

Parents: Antonio Ch. & Victorina T. Barcinas

Parents In Law: Patrick M. & Sinforosa A. Ogo

Brothers, Sisters & Spouses:
Anthony T. Barcinas & Eileen Taitano & Children
Joseph T. & Leslie Barcinas & Children
Mary Ellen B. & Edwin Flores & Children
Lucinda T. Barcinas & Francisco H. Manglona & Children
Antoinette T. & Jacinto Sabangan & Child

Brothers & Sisters In Laws:
Julie O. & Ross S. Manglona & Children
Patricia A. Ogo & Edward Kapileo & Children
Jasmine A. Ogo & Gerald Manglona
Patrick M. Ogo, Jr.
Justin A. & Wanda Ch. Ogo & Children
Tara May A. Ogo & Children
Kroy A. Ogo
Labor Dee A. Ogo
Clifford Ogo & Nadia Manglona
David Ogo
Jeannida Ogo
Julia Ogo

Godchildren: Molly Manglona
Victoria Untalan
Austin Masga

He is also survived by numerous godparents, nieces, nephews, cousins and relatives.

Nightly Holy Rosary is being offered at 6:30 pm at the Divine Mercy Chapel (Rota Health Center) in Songsong, Rota.

His remains will be escorted from the Divine Mercy Chapel, Rota Health Center to the San Francisco De Borja Church, in Songsong, Rota at 7:30 am on Wednesday, August 19, 2009. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 am at the San Francisco De Borja Church.

Interment will follow immediately at the San Jose Cemetery, in Songsong, Rota.

HELP FILE

By ROB PEGORARO

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as CCleaner or the also well-regarded EasyCleaner, you may not see much of a speedup for your troubles. Try one of those programs if you’re desperate, but proceed cautiously and don’t expect miracles.

Q: How do I type special characters like the copyright symbol that don’t appear on the keyboard?

A: The easiest way is to copy them off a Web page or a document, then paste them into whatever you’re working on. But you can also use tools

in Windows and Mac OS X to generate these characters.

In Windows XP, go to the Start menu’s All Programs menu, select Accessories, then System Tools, then Character Map. (In Vista, type “character” in the Start menu’s search box.) Select the character you want, double-click it, and click the Copy button to have it ready to paste elsewhere.

In OS X, go to the Edit menu of most newer programs and select “Special Characters ...,” then copy the character you want.

Life & Style

NY lawsuit v. Anna Nicole Smith book's author OK'd

NEW YORK (AP)—A jury can decide whether the author of a best-selling book about the death of Playboy playmate Anna Nicole Smith defamed her lawyer by making allegations that may be too outlandish to be true, including that he pimped her to up to 50 men a year, a judge concluded Wednesday.

U.S. District Judge Denny Chin found plenty of reasons to let a jury hear the facts behind a \$60 million libel lawsuit brought by lawyer Howard K. Stern against "Blonde Ambition" author Rita Cosby, a veteran television news anchor and "Inside Edition" correspondent. The lawsuit was filed less than a month after the book was published in September 2007.

The judge said the book's claim that Stern had a sexual relationship with Larry Birkhead, the father of Smith's daughter, was "nothing short of explosive. Perhaps too explosive."

"In other words," he said, "printing a claim that Birkhead and Stern had sex would be a way to make it to the top of the best-seller list, and a reasonable jury could find that Cosby ignored the inherently improbable nature of the statement in her zeal to write a blockbuster book."

Stern and Birkhead have denied any sexual relationship.

The judge said there was "substantial evidence" to let a



In this Dec. 1, 2004 file photo, Anna Nicole Smith poses for a photo as she arrives for the VH1 "Big in '04" awards in Los Angeles.

reasonable jury find Cosby acted with malice in stating in the book that Smith obtained a videotape of Birkhead and Stern having sex and regularly watched it in front of her nannies.

He noted that Cosby traveled to the Bahamas after Stern filed

the lawsuit to try to meet with the nannies and in a conversation with one of their representatives proposed paying the nannies to sign an affidavit supporting the statements attributed to them in the book, which was published by Hachette Book Group USA Inc.

Report: Cheney felt Bush stopped taking his advice

WASHINGTON (AP)—Former Vice President Dick Cheney believes his old boss, President George W. Bush, gradually turned away from his advice during their second term in the White House, showing a surprising independence as he started taking more flexible positions on a range of issues, The Washington Post reported Wednesday.

Cheney, often described as the most influential vice president in U.S. history, has been discussing his years in office in informal talks with authors, diplomats, policy experts and past colleagues, the Post said, as he works on a memoir due out in 2011 from Simon & Schuster's

Threshold Editions.

Robert Barnett, who negotiated Cheney's book contract, passed word to potential publishers that the memoir would be packed with news, said the article published on the Post Web site, and Cheney himself has said, without explanation, that "the statute of limitations has expired" on many of his secrets.

The book will cover Cheney's long career from chief of staff under President Gerald Ford to vice president under Bush.

"When the president made decisions that I didn't agree with, I still supported him and didn't go out and undercut him," Cheney said, according to

Stephen Hayes, his authorized biographer. "Now we're talking about after we've left office. I have strong feelings about what happened. ... And I don't have any reason not to forthrightly express those views."

According to the author of the Post piece, Barton Gellman, who earlier wrote a book on Cheney called "Angler," the former vice president believes Bush made concessions to public sentiment, something Cheney views as moral weakness. After years of praising Bush as a man of resolve, Cheney now intimates that the former president turned out to be more like an ordinary politician in the end, Gellman says.

Late songwriter leaves songs to country museum

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—The late Texas songwriter Cindy Walker has left an unusual and generous gift to the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum: Her catalog of about 500 songs, many of them pop and country classics.

The hall announced Wednesday that Walker bequeathed her share of the songs, including future royalties, after her death in 2006. The songs have since earned the institution more than \$500,000 in royalties.

Walker's catalog is one of the most celebrated in popular music. Bing Crosby, Roy Orbison, Ray Charles, Bob Wills, Ernest Tubb, Eddy Arnold, Willie Nelson and many more recorded Walker's songs, most of which were solo compositions.

Orbison's "Dream Baby" and Charles' "You Don't Know Me" may be her best-known work, but there are also Western swing standards like "Sugar Moon" and "Bubbles in My Beer."

Nelson recorded a whole album of Walker's songs shortly before she died in March 2006.

The Waco, Texas, native was inducted in the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1997. She was once married briefly and had no children.

"We were accustomed to gifts documenting or recalling the work of country music luminaries, but we had never been offered the actual work," Hall of Fame director Kyle Young said during a ceremony.

Jackson tribute in Vienna set for Sept. 26

VIENNA (AP)—A global tribute to Michael Jackson on the grounds of a 17th century palace in Vienna will be held Sept. 26, and Jackson's brother Jermaine will announce the concert lineup soon, organizers said Wednesday.

World Awards Media GmbH, the event promoters, said Jermaine Jackson would unveil details at a Vienna news conference later this month.

The promoters said in a statement they were working "brisk-

ly" to line up major entertainers and a network to broadcast the event live. They said Vienna agreed to be a partner "in this singularly world-wide event."

On Tuesday, WorldMediaAwards chief Georg Kindel told The Associated Press the tribute

was expected to run three hours and feature about 10 top artists performing 15 to 20 Jackson hits. They would

perform on a crown-shaped stage to be built in front of Vienna's Schoenbrunn Palace.

Kindel said Jackson family members and unidentified Hollywood stars also would honor Jackson as images and video clips were screened.

Last week, Jermaine Jackson said Vienna was chosen as the venue because his brother "loved castles."



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Sharito Copley, Jason Cope
 Sci-Fi • Rated PG R

Synopsis

Thirty years ago, aliens made first contact with Earth. Humans waited for the hostile attack, or the giant advances in technology. Neither came. Instead, the aliens were refugees, the last survivors of their home world. The creatures were set up in a makeshift home in South Africa's District 9 as the world's nations argued over what to do with them. Now, patience over the alien situation has run out. Control over the aliens has been contracted out to Multi-National United, a private company uninterested in the aliens' welfare — they will receive tremendous profits if they can make the aliens' awesome weaponry work.



The Time Traveler's Wife

Friday 4:20 7:05 9:35
 Saturday 1:25 4:20 7:05 9:35
 Sunday 1:25 4:20 7:05
 Mon. thru Thurs. 4:20 7:05

Rachel McAdams, Eric Bana
 Drama, Romance, Sci-Fi • Rated PG 13

Synopsis

Clare has been in love with Henry her entire life. She believes they are destined to be together, even though she never knows when they will be separated: Henry is a time traveler—cursed with a rare genetic anomaly that causes him to live his life on a shifting timeline, skipping back and forth through his lifespan with no control. Despite the fact that Henry's travels force them apart with no warning, Clare desperately tries to build a life with her one true love.



G.I. JOE

Friday 4:30 7:25 9:40
 Saturday 1:20 4:30 7:25 9:40
 Sunday 1:20 4:30 7:25
 Mon. thru Thurs. 4:30 7:25

Dennis Quaid, Channing Tatum
 War • Rated PG 13

Synopsis

From the Egyptian desert to deep below the polar ice caps, the elite G.I. Joe team uses the latest in next-generation spy and military equipment to fight the corrupt arms dealer Destro and the growing threat of the mysterious Cobra organization to prevent them from plunging the world into chaos.



G-Force

Friday 4:15 7:30 9:45
 Saturday 1:15 4:15 7:30 9:45
 Sunday 1:15 4:15 7:30
 Mon. thru Thurs. 4:15 7:30

Nicolas Cage, Steve Buscemi
 Action, Animated • Rated PG



Aliens in the Attic

Friday 4:25 7:20 9:30
 Saturday 1:30 4:25 7:20 9:30
 Sunday 1:30 4:25 7:20
 Mon. thru Thurs. 4:25 7:20

Thomas Haden Church, Carter Jenkins
 Adventure, Family • Rated PG



Harry Potter and The Half Blood Prince

Friday 4:00 7:00 10:00
 Saturday 1:00 4:00 7:00 10:00
 Sunday 1:00 4:00 7:00
 Mon. thru Thurs. 4:00 7:00

Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson
 Fantasy, Adventure, Sequel • Rated PG-13



A Perfect Getaway

Friday 4:10 7:15 9:55
 Saturday 1:05 4:10 7:15 9:55
 Sunday 1:05 4:10 7:15
 Mon. thru Thurs. 4:10 7:15

Steve Zahn, Milla Jovovich
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Old photos reveal ugly truth of sister's teenage allegations

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: Forty years ago, after accusing our father of taking indecent liberties with her, my sister "Vera" was diagnosed with a major mental illness. She was 17. After many difficult years of hospitalizations, medication and electro-shock therapy, Vera finally accepted her diagnosis and now lives in a board-and-care home nearby. She has never been well enough to work or carry on a relationship, and due to her medication, she suffers from a serious neuromuscular disorder.



Dear Abby

Our father died suddenly—and while going through his belongings, Mom and I discovered some graphic Polaroid photos that prove Vera's allegations were true. Mom destroyed them immediately. I believe Vera should know that we now understand she wasn't delusional, that she was misdiagnosed and treated unnecessarily.

Mom is adamantly opposed. She says Vera is receiving the "best help available" and it would only "upset her" if she knew what we found. I am heartsick. Should I tell Vera at the risk of it killing our mom, or should I let it go? Vera's treatments have taken most of her memory.

DISTRAUGHT IN OHIO

DEAR DISTRAUGHT: Your mother's reaction makes me wonder whether she might have had an inkling all along that your sister was telling the truth. After all these years, I fail to see how telling Vera that someone believes her will "kill" your mother.

I once knew a woman who had spent years in group therapy trying to get at the root of her problems. Like your sister, she had had shock therapy, which had blasted away some of her memory. She said many times that she would have been glad to have someone fill in some of the blanks for her—and so, I suspect, would Vera. Your sister deserves answers and validation.

However, before you approach her, it is very important that you first discuss this with a psychotherapist who can guide you through the process.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 40, married and blessed with a wonderful family. I have spent my entire career working for the same company. Several years ago, I was promoted to a position I thought I wanted. However, I have come to hate my job. The best part is the paycheck.

I earn a decent salary and I don't want to seem unappreciative, especially in these economic times, but I feel there is more to life than what someone earns.

Recently, I have thought about joining the military. My husband is very supportive and has told me countless times that being happy is the most important part of life. I want to do something with my life that matters rather than simply going to work each day dreading the time I am there.

My dilemma is with my parents. I know they will feel it is ridiculous to quit a perfectly good job and go into the military. What advice do you have for me?

WOMAN AT THE CROSSROADS OF LIFE

DEAR AT THE CROSSROADS: Your dilemma may not be with your parents. The various branches of the armed forces have age limits beyond which they will not accept enlistees. So my advice is to begin calling the recruitment centers, telling them your background and asking if you qualify to apply. If you are accepted, you can then tell your parents the "good news."

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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'America's Got Talent' narrows field to 5

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A trio of singing siblings, five sisters who tap dance, three tenors from Texas, a husband-and-wife dance team and a man and his dog are advancing to the next round of "America's Got Talent."

Voices of Glory, a singing trio from Highland, New York; the Fab Five, dancing sisters from Morgan, Utah; the Texas Tenors of Houston; Paradizo Dance from Brooklyn; and Tony Hoard and his dog Rory from New Castle, Ind., learned Wednesday that they will compete in the show's semifinals. All are vying for a \$1 million prize and the chance to headline a Las Vegas show in October.

Nick Cannon hosts. Judges Piers Morgan, Sharon Osbourne and David Hasselhoff preside over the competition and offer advice, but viewers choose who wins the NBC talent show. Fans can vote for their favorites via phone, e-mail and text mes-



In this photo taken March 12, 2009, actor Nick Cannon speaks during the the Nickelodeon 2009 Upfront Presentation in New York. Cannon is the host for NBC talent show "America's Got Talent." Judges are Piers Morgan, Sharon Osbourne and David Hasselhoff.

sage, with a limit of 10 votes per phone number or address.

Morgan was disappointed that Hoard and Rory advanced instead of a piano-playing singer from California.

"If Charles DeWayne does not go through tonight, it will be the biggest scandal in the history of 'America's Got Talent,'" he said.

Apparently, scandal ensued.

Other contestants advancing to the semifinals earned unanimous praise from the judges. Osbourne called the Fab Five and Rory the dog "brilliant." Morgan called Paradizo dance "incredible" and lauded the Texas Tenors, saying their performance made him "proud to be American, and I'm not even an American." Hasselhoff said the Voices of Glory are "fantastic" and "what this show's about."

Wednesday's episode also featured a performance by the band LMFAO and magicians Penn and Teller.

McGraw, Black Eyed Peas to perform at NFL opener

NEW YORK (AP)—Tim McGraw and the Black Eyed Peas are scheduled to perform before the NFL season opener.

The NFL announced the mu-

sical artists Wednesday for the game between the Super Bowl champion Steelers and the Tennessee Titans in Pittsburgh on Thursday, Sept. 10.

McGraw and Black Eyed Peas, both three-time Grammy winners, will hold a free concert open to the public at Point State Park.

Natasha Bedingfield, Keith Urban and Usher performed before last year's opener in New York.

EA Sports sponsors the event.

Neil Diamond brings his show to DVD, network TV

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Neil Diamond is so excited about his two latest projects, it's like he has twins on the way. They're due Friday, when Diamond's concert DVD, "Hot August Night/NYC," lands in Walmart stores and a companion hour-long TV special airs on CBS.

"Basically I feel like an expectant father and I'm just nervously sitting around the waiting room hoping that the baby is healthy and happy," the 68-year-old entertainer said in an

interview Tuesday.

The DVD, filmed during his performance at Madison Square Garden last summer, features more than two dozen songs, including classics such as "Sweet Caroline" and "Love on the Rocks."

Diamond said he wanted to make a concert film for years and "just never got to it." He finally decided to shoot a show in his native New York City.

"There's something special when you play your hometown,"

he said. "It makes me regret that I haven't filmed previous tours, but I'm glad we got this one."

The television special, airing at 8 p.m., includes excerpts from the DVD and footage from Diamond's recent trip home.

"This is my first TV special in over 20 years, so I feel my heart beating a little faster. It's exciting," Diamond said. "I'm happy to still be here and doing it after all these years and I hope somebody tunes in on Friday night."



In this Feb. 6, 2009 file photo, Neil Diamond arrives at the MusiCares Person of the Year Tribute honoring him in Los Angeles.

Nominees announced for Thurber Prize

NEW YORK (AP)—New Yorker contributor Ian Frazier and best-selling essayist Sloane Crosley are among the finalists for the Thurber Prize for American Humor.

Prize organizers say Frazier was cited for his book on parenting "Lamentations of the Father," and Crosley for her popular essay collection about the 20-something life, "I Was Told There'd

Be Cake." The other contenders announced Wednesday were Don Lee's novel "Wrack and Ruin" and Laurie Notaro's nonfiction "The Idiot Girl and the Flaming Tantrum of Death."

The \$5,000 prize, founded in 1997 (Frazier won that year for "Coyote vs. Acme") will be announced in October. It is named for the late author-humorist James Thurber.

TV Academy: All Emmys to be presented live

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The television academy is scrapping its "time-shifting" plans and will present all 28 Emmy Awards during the September telecast.

The Academy of Television Arts & Sciences announced last month that it would pre-tape eight awards presentations and acceptance speeches, including some in the writing category. Members of

the Writers Guild of America blasted the academy for the plan in a letter signed by some of the top TV showrunners.

The academy says the decision was made to "mend relationships within the television community" and allow the telecast producer to focus on "creative elements" during the live show. The 61st Primetime Emmy Awards will air at 8 p.m. Sept. 20 on CBS.



Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

LOOK, HOBBS, HERE'S AN ANCESTOR OF YOURS! A SABER-TOOTHED TIGER!

HA HA, I'LL BET HE WAS POPULAR! IF ANYONE NEEDED TO OPEN A CAN OF JUICE, THEY'D JUST PUT HIM OVER IT AND HIT HIM ON THE HEAD! HA HA!

HEE HEE, I'LL BET THEY DIED OUT BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER! THEY PWOBBABY DOKKED WIKE DIFF! HA HA HA!

...ALL IN ALL, THOUGH, THEY WERE UNDOUBTEDLY THE PINNACLE OF PREHISTORIC EVOLUTION...

By Bill Waterson

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

DON'T YOU THINK YOU AND MRS. FEENY SHOULD MAKE UP AND BE FRIENDS?

HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!

DID YOUR LITTLE TALK DO ANY GOOD? IT SEEMED TO CHEER HIM UP

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

LET'S GO SEE WHAT THE MYSTERIOUS NEW KID'S LIKE.

DOWN THE STREET?

YEAH. MAYBE HE'S GOT SOME COOL TOYS.

OR A PONY!

HOW COULD HE HAVE A PONY? THAT YARD IS SMALLER THAN OURS.

MAYBE IT'S A QUARTER HORSE.

(WELL, ENO, SUMMER'S ALMOST OVER.

I KNOW. I'M GOING TO MISS YOU WITH ALL MY HEART.

I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE.

I WAS TALKING TO YOUR SWIMSUIT.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Mila Kunis, 26; Halle Berry, 43; Gary Larson, 59; Steve Martin, 64

Happy Birthday: Refuse to let anyone push you into something you aren't sure about. You can easily be trapped in a no-win situation if you let someone else take lead position. Look at each situation you face this year and make your decision apart from the crowd. Straight and determined actions will be respected in the end. Your numbers are 5, 10, 17, 20, 28, 31, 45

ARIES (March 21-April 19): No one will deny you the right to excel once you prove your worth and make the kind of impression you know you can make. Money is in the stars but you'll have to work for it. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Put some time into a worthwhile cause and you will meet someone worthy of your company. Just give your time and services. Participation will be your door to meeting someone interesting and making more money. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will do your best pushing what you know to those who could use your expertise. Your colorful way of expressing your abilities will capture the interest of someone quite different than you. Don't be shy. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): It's time to daydream and bring back some of those old feelings you once had. A romantic evening will lead to some future commitments and plans that you've wanted to put into play for some time. A positive change is heading your way. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may be led into a difficult situation by your emotions. Don't overreact to what's going on. Listen, observe and consider all sides of the situation before you get worked up over nothing and make a mistake you'll regret. **

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Rethink your strategy regarding work. You need to put in the time if you want to get the rewards. Don't be caught in someone else's trap. Do what's expected of you—and more—to get the recognition you need to advance. **

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You owe it to yourself to have a little leisure time. Getting out and being active will lead to some interesting observations about who you have become and what your future goals should be. Interact and network. *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Put your time and effort into your personal life. Being affectionate will reassure the people you care about that you are still in their corner. This is an ideal time to reestablish old friendships. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): As long as you are prepared to adjust to whatever happens, you will accomplish everything you have planned. Travel will lead to an emotional meeting with someone from your past. Don't let old responsibilities take hold of you when you have already paid your dues. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Relax and have a little fun. You need to do something that will make you happy

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and add to your self-esteem. There is so much you can learn by taking it easy and enjoying the people who love you. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Make those necessary changes at home that will lead to your happiness. There is something to be said for a challenge. Find one that is invigorating and you will learn something about yourself that will help you excel in the future. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't give in to anyone giving you an ultimatum or using emotional blackmail. Be strong and refuse to let anyone get the better of you. A relationship problem may seem like the end of the world but, actually, it is the road to a new beginning. **

Birthday Baby: You are a self-starter and a willing helper. You never let anyone down. You are strong, stable and strive to do what's right.

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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By DAVID OUELLET

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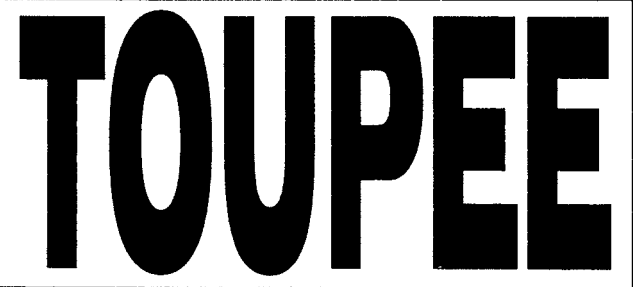
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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE
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COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES' CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,)
CIVIL ACTION NO. 05-382)
-v.-)
SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE)
MARIANO S. NAPUTI, Defendant.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on November 13, 2006, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: (a) Lot No. 002 G 334, situated in Kagman II, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 929 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 002 G 08, the original of which was recorded May 14, 1990, as Document No. 90-1905, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, September 4, 2009, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 6th day of August, 2009:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

CITY TRUST BANK, Plaintiff,)
CIVIL ACTION NO. 06-0054)
-v.-)
SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE)
DANIEL JOSEPH M. CABRERA and MAGDALENA S. CABRERA, Defendants.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on September 19, 2008, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: (a) Lot No. 005 I 180, situated in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 005 I 02, the original of which was recorded March 11, 1983, as Document No. 16707, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan; and (b) Tract No. 225840-1-1, located in Chalan Kanoa, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as more particularly described on DLS Check No. 2119/92, deeded to Daniel Muna Cabrera on August 24, 1998, and recorded a File No. 99-2096 on September 3, 1999.

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DATED, this 6th day of August, 2009:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
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NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

CITY TRUST BANK, fka)
MARIANAS BANK, LTD.,)
Plaintiff,)
CIVIL ACTION NO. 97-1054)
-v.-)
SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE)
JUAN R. SABLAN and ANGELINE F. SABLAN, Defendants.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on November 10, 2008, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Real property situated in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, designated as Lot E.A. 839 NEW-6-3, containing an area of 1,329 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. E.A. 839 NEW.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, September 4, 2009, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

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DATED, this 6th day of August, 2009:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

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Attorney for Petitioner Vicente Cabrera Attao

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:)
ROSARIO CABRERA ATTAO)
Decedent.)

Civil Action No. 09-0307-CV

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION AND APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR
Date: Sept 8, 2009
Time: 1:30 PM
Judge: Najara

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE ROSARIO CABRERA ATTAO OR HER ESTATE:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Vicente Cabrera Attao, has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for Letters of Administration and for his Appointment as Administrator of the Estate of Rosario Cabrera Attao, Deceased. The attorney for Petitioner is Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kuya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950.
The hearing on the Petition for Letters of Administration and Appointment of Administrator by Vicente Cabrera Attao, as Petitioner, has been set for September 8, 2009 at 1:30 p.m., at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guma' Hustisia, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.
Any and all persons, creditors or entities having claims against the Deceased or her estate are hereby required by law to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within Sixty (60) days of this publication, or the claim(s) will be barred. A copy of your claim should also be sent to ROBERT T. TORRES, Attorney at Law, at the address herein-above indicated.

Dated this 29th day of July 2009.

/s/ BERNADITAA SABLAN
Clerk of Court



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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Opening date: August 14, 2009 **Closing date:** August 28, 2009

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) announces the following job vacancies:

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Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI)

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

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REPORTS TO:	Program Manager
LOCATION:	NMPASI Office – Saipan

GENERAL JOB DESCRIPTION:

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NOTICE OF AUCTION IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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Minimum Bid: The minimum bid for the property mentioned above in this notice shall be **\$100,000.00**.

The auction will be open to the general public and will be held at NMHC's conference room, Garapan, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. on **Friday, September 11, 2009**, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

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 - To reject any and all bids.
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Dated this 6th day of August, 2009.

/s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO, Corporate Director



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Lot No. 006 T 201, as shown on Drawing/ Cadastral Plat Number 006 T 06, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document Number 18302, on the 28th day of September, 1983, and containing an area of 1,000 square meters, more or less, together with the improvements and fixtures located thereon and therein and the appurtenances and all the rights, title, and interest of, in, and to the land lying in all streets, highways, and rights of ways abutting on or appurtenant to said premises.

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Martinez marks majors return with win



CHICAGO (AP)—Pedro Martinez made a successful return to the majors Wednesday night, going five innings in Philadelphia's 12-5 victory over Chicago.

The 37-year-old, three-time Cy Young Award winner got plenty of support as Shane Victorino, Jimmy Rollins and Raul Ibanez homered as the World Series champs sent the Cubs to their fourth straight loss.

Martinez (1-0) allowed seven hits and three runs with a walk and five

connected for his fifth homer.

Padres 6, Brewers 5

At Milwaukee, Adrian Gonzalez hit a go-ahead double in a four-run seventh inning for San Diego.

Prince Fielder reached 100 RBIs in the shortest amount of games in Brewers' history, but it was overshadowed by the flurry of moves the team made earlier in the day, including sending shortstop J.J. Hardy to the minors to give top prospect Alcides Escobar a chance.

The Padres have won 11 of 15 and

A wild pitch by Arizona reliever Daniel Schlereth allowed a run in the ninth.

Braves 6, Nationals 2

At Atlanta, Adam LaRoche gave the Braves the lead with a seventh-inning homer, his second of the game, as Atlanta continued its second-half surge.

LaRoche snapped a 2-2 tie with his seventh-inning homer off Jorge Sosa (1-1). He had a second-inning homer off Craig Stammen and drove in a third run with a bases-loaded walk.

Garret Anderson and Martin Prado



Philadelphia Phillies starting pitcher Pedro Martinez warms up as pitching coach Rich Dubee watches before a baseball game between the Phillies and Chicago Cubs, Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009, at Wrigley Field in Chicago.

AP

strikeouts, throwing 99 pitches. His fastest pitch was clocked at 92 mph.

Martinez's 215th career win was his first since last Aug. 31, against Florida while with the New York Mets. He signed with the NL East leaders on July 15.

Rollins and Ibanez connected for three-run homers off reliever Sean Marshall during an eight-run fourth inning.

Jeff Samardzija (1-2) got roughed up in his first major league start after 42 relief appearances the last two seasons.

"It was really fun to actually get back to the game. Last year was a horrible year. It was a very tough year," Martinez said of his final injury-slowed season with the New York Mets. "I actually feel good and it shows."

Before his father died in July 2008, Martinez made a promise to him. He kept it Wednesday night.

"I promised my dad I would come back and play baseball like he asked me, his last word. Making it back feels like I just took something off my shoulders," he said.

Giants 4, Dodgers 2, 10 innings

At San Francisco, Juan Uribe hit a game-ending two-run homer with one out in the 10th inning and San Francisco avoided a three-game sweep by its archrival.

Brian Wilson (4-5) pitched 1 1-3 innings with four strikeouts for the win on a wild day in which the benches cleared and both Giants manager Bruce Bochy and bench coach—and acting manager—Ron Wotus were ejected in separate arguments.

Travis Ishikawa drew a leadoff walk in the 10th from Guillermo Mota (3-4) and Randy Winn flied out before Uribe

are 4-1 against Milwaukee this year. The Brewers have lost 23 of 36 since starting July with a two-game lead in the NL Central.

Cardinals 5, Reds 2

At St. Louis, Chris Carpenter won his seventh straight decision and beat Cincinnati for the third consecutive time, and Albert Pujols homered for the second game in a row for St. Louis.

The first four hitters in the Cardinals' lineup had at least two hits, with Matt Holliday going 3 for 4 and contributing an RBI double to a three-run first. Pujols hit his major league-leading 38th homer in the third.

Rockies 8, Pirates 0

At Denver, Ubaldo Jimenez pitched three-hit ball for eight innings and Carlos Gonzalez homered for Colorado.

Jimenez (10-9) won his fourth straight decision. He became the fourth member of the Rockies' rotation with double-digit victories, joining Jason Marquis, Aaron Cook and Jorge De La Rosa.

The Pirates had four hits and lost for the ninth time in 10 games.

Kevin Hart (3-2), in his second start since being acquired by the Pirates from the Cubs on July 30, allowed five runs and eight hits in 5 1-3 innings.

Mets 6, Diamondbacks 4

At Phoenix, Cory Sullivan tripled twice and Gary Sheffield had two singles in his return to the lineup, helping the Mets avoid a three-game sweep.

Luis Castillo's pinch-hit single with two outs off Rauch Jon (2-1) brought in the go-ahead run, then Sullivan tripled to the right-center gap to make it 5-3.

hit homers for the Braves, who have won five straight. Their 17-9 record since the All-Star break is the best in the National League.

Astros 14, Marlins 6

At Miami, Hunter Pence hit two three-run homers for a career-high six RBIs to power Houston.

Pence's home runs highlighted a five-run first inning and a seven-run fourth that chased Ricky Nolasco (8-8). Florida had won five straight.

Lance Berkman hit two RBI doubles in his first game in almost three weeks. He was activated earlier in the day after being on the disabled list with a strained left calf. Carlos Lee added three RBIs for the Astros.

Red Sox 8, Tigers 2

At Boston, Josh Beckett pitched seven strong innings for his major league-high 14th win, and Mike Lowell and Jason Bay homered as Boston beat Detroit 8-2 on Wednesday night.

The Red Sox won their third straight and sent AL Central-leading Detroit to its fourth loss in five games. Boston has won seven straight against the Tigers.

Beckett (14-4) gave up two runs and three hits, including homers by Carlos Guillen and Marcus Thames. He struck out six and walked one, improving to 8-0 at home this season.

Yankees 4, Blue Jays 3, 11 innings

At New York, Robinson Cano homered and hit a game-ending RBI single in the 11th inning for New York.

Alex Rodriguez got the winning rally started when he was hit by a pitch from Shawn Camp (1-6) with one out.

Youkilis, Porcello suspended after Fenway fracas

NEW YORK (AP)—Boston star Kevin Youkilis and Detroit pitcher Rick Porcello were suspended for five games each Wednesday and fined by Major League Baseball, a day after their brawl at Fenway Park.

Youkilis will begin his suspension during Wednesday night's game against Detroit. Porcello appealed, and no penalty will take effect until the process is complete.

"Basically, I left everything in the hands of the front office," Youkilis said. "Whatever they thought was best for the team was good for me."

Youkilis leads the Red Sox in getting hit by pitches this season with 10 and was tied for fourth in the AL entering Wednesday.

"I don't have any regrets," he said. "There comes a point in your life when you can only take so much. When people don't do things in the right manner, you get kind of fed up with it and you have to do what you have to do in life to protect yourself. I take one ball off the eye, my career could be over."

MLB vice president Bob Watson cited Youkilis for charging the mound, throwing his helmet at Porcello and inciting Tuesday night's bench-clearing tussle. Porcello was penalized for intentionally throwing pitches at Victor Martinez in the first inning and Youkilis in the second.

In addition, Detroit pitched Edwin Jackson was fined for what Watson said were aggressive actions.



AP

Boston Red Sox' Kevin Youkilis, below, wrestles with Detroit Tigers starter Rick Porcello after being hit by a pitch in the second inning of their baseball game at Fenway Park in Boston, Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2009.

Players from benches and bullpens went onto the field and Youkilis tackled Porcello, but no punches were thrown. Youkilis and Porcello were ejected.

Tempers had been escalating since Monday night, when Miguel Cabrera was hit in the top of the fourth and Youkilis was plunked in the bottom half; Detroit's Brandon Inge was hit in the eighth.

On Tuesday, Cabrera was hit in the left hand in the top of the first by Junichi Tazawa. When Porcello threw an inside pitch to Martinez in the bottom, he took a few menacing steps toward the mound before returning to the batter's box.

Rodriguez was checked on by manager Joe Girardi and a trainer but stayed in the game, eventually moving up on Jorge Posada's single and scoring when Cano lined Camp's first pitch into the gap in right-center.

Rangers 5, Indians 0

At Cleveland, Texas rookie Tommy Hunter turned the shutout tables on Cleveland, pitching into the eighth inning.

Hunter (5-2) gave up six hits and struck out five without a walk over a career-high 7 2-3 innings as the Rangers bounced back from a 5-0 loss to Cleveland on Tuesday with their league-leading eighth shutout.

Josh Hamilton had three hits and drove in two runs for Texas.

Athletics 6, Orioles 3

At Baltimore, Landon Powell homered in Oakland's four-run fourth inning, and the Athletics won their straight series for the first time since April 2008.

Rookie Vin Mazzaro (4-8) allowed three runs, two earned, in 5 1-3 innings to post his second consecutive win after an eight-game skid. Andrew Bailey worked a perfect ninth for his 17th save in 21 opportunities.

Cliff Pennington and Scott Hairston had three hits apiece for the last-place A's.

Angels 10, Rays 5

At Anaheim, Gary Matthews Jr. put the Angels ahead with a three-run homer in the sixth, Howie Kendrick added another three-run shot in the seventh, and Los Angeles (68-44) finished a three-game sweep of the Rays to move a season-best 24 games over .500.

Chone Figgins had three hits and scored the first run in a five-run seventh

for the Angels, who racked up 24 runs in the series against the defending AL champions Rays, who have won just six times in their last 40 games at Angel Stadium.

Twins 7, Royals 1

At Minneapolis, Joe Crede hit a three-run homer in his return to the lineup, and Francisco Liriano had his best start in two months for Minnesota.

Crede, who had not played since Aug. 6 due to a sore right shoulder, needed two cortisone shots in the joint before returning. He showed no ill effects, hitting his 15th home run in the first inning and finishing with his first three-hit game of the season and the three RBIs.

Liriano (5-11), who last won on June 28 at St. Louis, allowed one run and three hits—both tying season lows. He struck out eight.

Mariners 1, White Sox 0

At Seattle, pinch-hitter Ken Griffey Jr. lined a single off the right-field wall with two outs in the bottom of the 14th to give the Mariners a 1-0 victory over the Chicago White Sox on Wednesday night and end the longest scoreless game in Seattle's 33-year history.

After the second seventh-inning stretch of the night, Adrian Beltre, eight days removed from the disabled list following shoulder surgery, singled with one out in the 14th. Tony Pena (6-4) struck out Russell Branyan but walked Jack Hannahan, who was playing because shortstop Jack Wilson strained his hamstring in the fifth inning.

Griffey rekindled his Seattle magic of the 1990s by lining a 1-2 pitch into the corner.

Dungy: Vick will find team this week



TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (AP)—Tony Dungy thinks Michael Vick will be back in the NFL this season, maybe even this week.

He's still not saying where the 29-year-old free agent quarterback will land — or how many are interested.

In a telephone interview with The Associated Press on Wednesday, Dungy said Vick will be working from a small list of teams because many do not want to risk a potential backlash from fans.

"It's a complex issue," the former Indianapolis Colts coach said from his home in Tampa, Fla. "You have to get past the possible reaction of fans, and it has to be a team that has an opening and has (salary) cap room. I think Indianapolis would be a great place for him to develop as a person, but he's not a fit with that offense. It's going to be a lot like that."

Dungy has been involved with prison ministries for years and now serves as Vick's personal mentor.

Vick was the No. 1 draft pick in 2001, and once the highest-paid player in football. But he has not played since 2006 when his career came tumbling down. He was convicted in August 2007 of conspiracy and running a dogfighting operation, sentenced to 23 months in federal prison and suspended indefinitely by the NFL.

But after serving his time and being released from home confinement July 20, NFL commissioner Roger Goodell conditionally lifted Vick's suspension—allowing him to sign with a team.

So far there have been no takers, but that could be changing.

"We're very optimistic and it's a matter of when, not if," said Joel Segal, Vick's agent. "Michael is very excited about that."



Vick

Segal said there was no timetable for a decision. In the meantime, Vick is attempting to revive his image with a series of appearances.

He flew to Chicago for a Wednesday event hosted by the Humane Society of the United States. Vick also spoke to a small crowd Saturday near Atlanta, explaining to attendees that what he did was wrong.

On Tuesday, Vick spoke to basketball campers at Hampton University in Virginia, the city where he now lives, telling the children to use his story as an example of why they need to make better decisions.

Dungy, who retired in January as the winningest coach in Colts history and left Tampa Bay with the same title after the 2001 season, has counseled Vick throughout the process. He met with him in prison

and has been in regular contact with Vick since Goodell's decision.

And Dungy is convinced that Vick will continue making these appearances even if he returns to the NFL.

"What we've talked about is how you balance this when you do get back to playing," Dungy said. "I said, 'You've got to carve out time for what's important.' I think he'll do that. I think he feels like his decisions let some of his fans down and he wants to make that right."

Where will Vick go?

Segal declined to say which teams are interested.

Dungy wouldn't divulge which coaches he's spoken with, only that his contact list is longer than the six NFL teams that have not publicly ruled out signing Vick.

"I've talked to a lot of people and a bunch of coaches who have said 'If it was up to me, we'd pursue it,'" Dungy said. "But this organization can't pursue it. That's how it's going to be."

Dungy is also promoting a movie intended to help high school coaches, athletes and their families cope with the pressures of sports and life. Topics include weight training, supplements, drug and alcohol abuse, decision-making on and off the field and how to deal with recruiting.

Though Dungy isn't giving any hints about where Vick will go, Dungy believes the former Atlanta Falcon will be with a new team before the movie's release date, Aug. 25.

"He's talked to a lot of people, and I don't know why I say this, but I think something will happen this week," Dungy said. "All you need is that one team. That is our prayer—that he finds that one team and that he finds the best opportunity to make it work."

NBA BRIEFS

Ben Wallace rejoins Pistons

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP)—Ben Wallace needed some help backing away from the idea of retirement and two old friends in Detroit were ready to help. The four-time All-Star was ready to walk away from the game when he was bought out by Phoenix in the aftermath of the Shaquille O'Neal trade. Tayshaun Prince and Richard Hamilton, his former teammates with the Pistons, had other ideas. "I think Tayshaun called me first, but they were both giving me some coaching," Wallace said.

Clippers get Butler from New Orleans

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Clippers have acquired shooting guard Rasual Butler and cash from the New Orleans Hornets in exchange for a conditional second-round draft pick in 2016. Butler had the most productive season of his seven-year career in 2008-09, averaging 11.2 points and 3.3 rebounds while playing in all 82 games for the Hornets, who made the playoffs. He shot 40 percent from the floor and 37 percent from 3-point range to match his career averages. "We believe he is another piece who will help us get back to being a competitive playoff team," Clippers coach and Mike Dunleavy said.

Saunders: Arenas progressing

WASHINGTON (AP)—According to new Washington Wizards coach Flip Saunders, Gilbert Arenas (notes) looks good in the weight room and on a basketball court. And that's good news for the Wizards. Because for all of Washington's offseason changes—center-forward Fabricio Oberto, introduced at a news conference Wednesday, should be the final addition—whatever turnaround will be made from last season's 19-win disaster figures to hinge on Arenas' health and production. "There's no question, a player of his talent, when he's playing, he puts us from a team that's competing for the playoffs to a team that's an elite team in the playoffs."

Cavaliers sign free agent Powe

CLEVELAND (AP)—The Cleveland Cavaliers signed free agent forward Leon Powe (notes), who as a youth played with LeBron James on several AAU teams, to a two-year contract on Wednesday. Powe won't be playing with James anytime soon. He played in 70 games with the Boston Celtics last season, but tore the ACL in his left knee in the playoffs and had reconstructive surgery on May 5.

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Pacquiao offered to train in the Bahamas



To the victor, indeed, go all the spoils.

Filipino superstar

Manny Pacquiao has received an invitation from a big resort owner in the Caribbean for him to hold part of his training in the island before flying to the United States.

According to Top Rank big boss Bob Arum, who was interviewed by Michael Marley of Examiner.com while vacationing south of France, business mogul Sol Kerzner has a standing invitation for the Pinoy icon to stay and train in his property in the Bahamas.

Kerzner owns the very popular Atlantis Resort in Nassau, Bahamas, venue of several Hollywood flicks and playground to the world's rich and famous.



"Arum expects to have contracts signed by both challenger Pacman and champion Cotto by Tuesday which is Aug. 11," according to Marley.

Tickets, according to Arum, will start to be distributed on August 17, where only about 3,000 tickets are available out of the close to 15,000 seats at the MGM Grand Garden Arena.

"Everything has been decided and agreed to," Arum said. "Cotto is defending the title and the weight limit to be 145 pounds. There are no disagreements or problems. Now, everything is cleared up," Arum was quoted as saying, adding that the WBO welterweight title will be on the line.

Pacquiao is planning to spend part of his training outside of the United States

to avoid paying heavy income taxes. Some of the places mentioned as possible training venues are Baguio City, Vancouver in Canada or the Otomi mountains in Mexico.

Both Arum and trainer Freddie Roach agree that Pacquiao will have the final say on training venue before proceeding to the Wild Card Gym in Los Angeles.

Pacquiao has yet to start training for his November 14 fight with Miguel Cotto in Las Vegas, as he is currently wrapping up endorsements, shooting movies, and other business commitments.

Cotto, meanwhile, has already started light training in Puerto Rico, and hopes to easily make the 145-lb weight limit set for the fight. (Philippine Daily Inquirer)

RGA, SGA August Ace tournaments set



The Refaluwasch Golf Association will be holding its qualifying tournament for the August Ace of the Month title this Saturday at the Marianas Country Club.

Check-in time is 11am, while tee time is at 12pm.

The qualifier is open to the first 20 RGA members to register for the event.

Winner of this Saturday's round will hold the score to beat in RGA's next tournament. If his score is undefeated, he gets to keep the August Ace title.

The August Ace crown will be at stake this Sunday when Saipan Golf Association holds a tournament at the Kingfisher Golf Links.

Check-in time is set for

9am, while tee off will be at 10am. The tournament is open to 26 players.

The winner of this Sunday's tournament will join the seven early qualifiers for the SGA Ace of the Aces Tournament.

The SGA Ace of the Aces will be held at the end of the year and only monthly Ace winners are allowed to compete in the year-end tournament. Ed Manibusan had his hand on the coveted trophy in 2006, but failed to defend it in 2007 when Larry Deleon Guerrero ruled the club championships.

For more information on SGA tournaments, contact Larry Guerrero at 285-1056.

For RGA tournaments, contact Jess Wabol at 288-1129 or Jordon Kosam at 483-4503. (PR)

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home with 14 gold, seven silver, and eight bronze medals to dethrone Guam, which dominated the first three staging of the regional event. Guam collected only 11 gold, 12 silver and six bronze medals.

The CNMI emerged as the new MAC champion after claiming five more gold medals in the last day of the tournament in the Land Down Under.

Winning gold medals for the

Commonwealth in the last day of the event were Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel, Lia Rangamar, Tyrone Omar, Yvonne Bennett, and Jacque Wonenberg.

Wonenberg won the women's long jump in the last day and topped five more events in the first two days of the MAC, making her the most bemedalled CNMI athlete in the three-day tournament. The 17-year-old athlete also ruled the women's 100m hurdles, women's triple jump, 400m hurdles, and the 4x400m and 4x100m relay runs.

Rangamar reigned in the javelin throw, while Kabiriel prevailed in the 10,000m run. Omar and Bennett took the gold medal in the 200m and 400m runs, respectively.

Other members of the CNMI team coached by Elias Rangamar were Trevor Ogumoro, Clayton Kenty, Douglas Dillay, Yvette Bennett, and Ryan Ichihara.

"Now NMA has to get ready for the 2010 Micronesian Games in Palau. Every nation knows who we are now. It's up to NMA coaches and athletes to spend a year

in training and get better in order to maintain our lofty status," Barnes said in an e-mail to Saipan Tribune last week before he left for Berlin, Germany for the IAAF Congress.

The 7th Micronesian Games will run from July 11 to 20 and will offer 14 other sports besides athletics. Also on the list are baseball, lawn tennis, swimming, triathlon, athletics, basketball, Micro All-Around, outrigger canoe, spearfishing, fast-pitch softball, table tennis, weightlifting, beach volleyball, indoor volleyball, and wrestling.

Clayton, Yvonne start World Championships bids

Meanwhile, Barnes said Yvonne Bennett and Kenty, who did not join their teammates in returning to Saipan last week, are now busy preparing for the 12th IAAF World Championships in Athletics in Berlin.

Kenty will debut in the World Championships this Saturday morning (Saturday evening on Saipan) via the 100m qualifying run, while Bennett will compete in the same event on Sunday.

IT&E

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team to a 75-57 debut win over Public School System last week, showed up in its second game with a 12-man lineup against BoG's depleted crew.

Bank of Guam behind Gus Palacios kept pace with IT&E only in the first period, forcing a deadlock, 17-all. However at the start of the second canto, the host started pulling away, as IT&E had plenty players to turn to.

Bruce Berline and Junior Renguul led IT&E's breakaway in the second canto, as they combined for 17 points and

gave the team a 44-33 halftime lead. Joemary Tumaquip added six points in that run to give IT&E the driver's seat.

It was Ryan Sanciango's turn to contribute to the team's cause in the second half, firing all his eight markers in the third, while stalwart Elmer Esdrelon canned two triples. Five more IT&E players made it to the scoreboard in the third, allowing the team to pad the lead to 25, 73-48.

IT&E continued to have a field day on offense in the fourth canto en route to a 34-point win. The victory gave the host the temporary lead in the 12-team field. The loss was Bank of Guam's third in a row, as it also bowed to Do-

como and PSS.

Berline and Renguul top-scored for IT&E with 17 points. Three others also finished in double figures with Tumaquip chipping in 14, Poland Yamada contributing 11, and Juan Manibusan tallying 11. Esdrelon and Edsel Mendoza, who took the scoring load in their first win, were happy playing second fiddle on the offensive end, as they made only eight and seven points, respectively.

In the first game, Edgar Pangelinan was on top of his game, exploding for 40 points to lift CHC to an easy win.

Pangelinan drilled three early triples in the first period, giving

CHC a 22-15 lead after the first 10 minutes of play. He added 11 more points in the second canto, increasing CHC's advantage to double-digits at halftime, 45-30.

Pangelinan slowed down in the third, making only two field goals, but ARFF also struggled, offensively, nailing only eight markers in that canto. Entering the fourth period, CHC still enjoyed a big lead, 58-38.

The CHC gunner started the fourth with a triple and fired six more points to complete his hot start in the league.

First Game

CHC 76 - Pangelinan 40, Tudela 12, Diaz 10, Lisua 8,

Fernandez 4, Joe Duenas 1.

ARFF 54 - Je. Reyes 18, Quitugua 14, Iramk 7, Robert 4, Ju. Reyes 3, Camacho 3, Sablan 3, Aldan 2,

Scoring by quarters: 22-15, 45-30, 58-35, 76-54

Second Game

IT&E 104 - Berline 17, Renguul 17, Tumaquip 14, Yamada 11, Manibusan 10, Esdrelon 8, Sanciango 8, Mendoza 7, Barbo 5, De Leon 3, Estrada 2, Del Rosario 2.

BoG 70 - Iguel 19, Pelisamen 18, Peters 10, G. Palacios 8, D. Palacios 8, Taisacan 7.

Scoring by quarters: 17-17, 44-33, 73-48, 104-70.

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to have faith in ourselves and in our teammates," said Mizer, who developed an interest in baseball when his mom, Thelma, started

bringing him to MLB games when he was still a kid.

Camacho, who will be making his second World Series appearance, is confident the CNMI can go all the way to the semifinals. Camacho had been to the World Series in

2006 as part of the CNMI Major All-Stars and his previous World Series experience is a plus factor on the team.

Rabauliman will be on his first World Series trip and though he has yet to experience what it is like to play against the world's

best youth sluggers, he believes they can hurdle all obstacles and win the title.

Meanwhile, the last part of these series of stories should also have included pitcher AJ Lizama and utility player Jared Sablan, but they failed

to complete the questionnaires at press time. Lizama, Sablan, their 11 other teammates, coaches Oliver Secharmidal and Bernard Cabrera, and team manager Thelma Mizer will leave Saipan for the World Series today.

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but was told the wrong time by his coach and ended up in a controversial disqualification. He then went to Florida A&M to resume playing football (he was the fastest football player I had ever seen) where he suffered a

career-ending ankle injury before his first game.

But a boy or girl growing up on Saipan does not have to be world-class or have professional potential to have the opportunity to see the world thanks to CNMI's unique political and geographical circumstances.

Our Junior League all-stars left today for the World Series

in Michigan. Our youth baseball teams this summer played in Indonesia and Taiwan.

Next week our national women's soccer team which includes several high school students travels to play in Japan and Taiwan.

Our top junior tennis players left this week to play in Fiji. Our top player spent a summer

improving his game in Australia and New Caledonia.

Earlier this month four high school boys swam in the world championships in Rome. Another high school athlete competed in Italy.

Two others high school athletes are off to Germany for the world championships, that after running in Australia with ten

other of our young athletes in Oceania competition.

That's what I call a nice summer vacation.

All of that world travel is made possible by hard work, some talent, dedication, commitment, good coaching, sports organizational affiliation and a passport.

Sure beats a bus ride to Tampa.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	71	43	.623	-
Boston	65	48	.575	5 1/2
Tampa Bay	61	53	.535	10
Toronto	54	59	.478	16 1/2
Baltimore	47	67	.412	24

Central Division

Detroit	59	54	.522	-
Chicago	58	57	.504	2
Minnesota	55	58	.487	4
Cleveland	49	64	.434	10
Kansas City	44	69	.389	15

West Division

Los Angeles	68	44	.607	-
Texas	63	49	.562	5
Seattle	60	54	.526	9
Oakland	51	63	.447	18

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Philadelphia	63	48	.568	-
Florida	60	54	.526	4 1/2
Atlanta	60	54	.526	4 1/2
New York	53	61	.465	11 1/2
Washington	40	74	.351	24 1/2

Central Division

St. Louis	64	52	.552	-
Chicago	58	54	.518	4
Houston	56	58	.491	7
Milwaukee	55	58	.487	7 1/2
Cincinnati	49	64	.434	13 1/2
Pittsburgh	46	67	.407	16 1/2

West Division

Los Angeles	69	46	.600	-
Colorado	63	51	.553	5 1/2
San Francisco	62	52	.544	6 1/2
Arizona	52	63	.452	17
San Diego	49	66	.426	20

Yesterday's Games

Philadelphia 12, Chicago 5
San Francisco 4, LA Dodgers 2,
San Diego 6, Milwaukee 5
St. Louis 5, Cincinnati 2,
Colorado 8, Pittsburgh 0
NY Mets 5, Arizona 4
Atlanta 6, Washington 2
Houston 14, Florida 6
Boston 8, Detroit 2
NY Yankees 4, Toronto 2
Texas 5, Cleveland 0
Oakland 6, Baltimore 3
LA Angeles 10, Tampa Bay 5
Minnesota 7, Kansas City 1
Seattle 1, Chi White Sox 0

By The Associated Press

LOCAL SCORES

IT&E Inter-Gov't/ Biz League Standings

IT&E	2	0
Docomo	1	0
MBI	1	0
CHC	1	0
PSS	1	1
CPA	0	1
ARFF	0	1
DCCA	0	0
Tinian	0	0
Hyatt	0	0
Customs	0	0
BOG	0	3

PTC reiterates support to Saipan Little League Baseball

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Trophies for the top individual and team performers in the 2009 season of the Saipan Little League

Baseball were turned over to league officials yesterday in a brief ceremony at the office of SLLB supporter Pacific Trading, Co. in Lower Base.

PTC general manager Charles Cepeda presented bunches of trophies worth around \$8,000 to SLLB president Mike Borja and CNMI District Administrator James Ada.

Though the trophies arrived three months after the 2009 season concluded and will be given to winning teams and players later this month, Borja said SLLB and the rest of CNMI Little League baseball community are thankful for PTC's continued support to the program.

"On behalf of the SLLB officials, the players, team managers and coaches of participating teams, and the parents, we would like to thank PTC for their generous support to the program," Borja said.

"I know it's a bit late, but this shows our continued commitment in supporting Little League program in the CNMI. We know that the players and volunteer officials are working hard every year to make this program work and we want to



From Left, SLLB president Mike Borja, PTC general manager Charles Cepeda, and CNMI District Administrator James Ada, renew their partnership in the continued promotion of Little League baseball in the CNMI. PTC donated trophies for the 2009 SLLB season.

help them ensure the continued success of the program here," Cepeda said.

Cepeda added they have been supporting SLLB for the past 10 years and vowed to keep its partnership with the league in the coming years.

"Despite these trying times, PTC is committed to helping promote Little League baseball among our youth," he said.

The Happy Market-sponsored Ol' Aces will be among the recipients of the PTC-donated trophies after ruling the Major League division.

The Ol' Aces pulled off a 6-5 victory against the San Antonio Dragons in extra inning behind Virolanson Sechamidal's walk-off single.

In the Big League division, the championship trophy will go to the Falcons, who eked out a similar close win over the Fielders in the finals, 6-5. Ben Cabrera also connected on a walk-off single that lifted the Falcons to a championship win.

In the Junior League, the Patriots completed their domination of the division after an 8-4 title win over Ol' Aces. The Pats also won this year's pennant.

The Senior League, which was marred by uniform violations in the playoffs, had the Fielders crushing the Kagman Lion Kings in the finals, 10-0.

Other trophies will be given to players who topped the batting and pitching races, and other statistics.

Saipan beats Guam in darts friendly tourney

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Saipan Electronic Darts Association hosted a friendly tournament at the Buds Bar last week-

end with Saipan players challenging visiting Guam bets.

The host were represented by Jun Visaya, Jojo Guilas, Bill Santos, Romuel Chavez, George Medina, Ray Cabrera, and Charlotte Tenepere. Guam had Jerry Kraus, Chris Shields, Jeremy Larsen, Bernard Yanger, and Vivian Elloraza.

The seven-player Saipan team outclassed Guam after two rounds of play, 28-22. The host took home \$210 and a trophy.

Guam drew first blood when it won in the singles 301, 4-3. In the partners regular cricket, Guam prevailed, anew, 2-1. The visitors claimed their third win in a row after ruling the singles Burma road, 4-3, before Saipan bounced back with a 5-2 triumph in the singles regular cricket.

At the end of the first round last Sat-



The Blind Draw winners pose for a group photo during the second day of the Saipan Electronic Darts Association and Guam Electronic Darts Association friendly tournament last weekend at Buds Bar.

urday, the host grabbed the lead, 13-12, after a 1-0 win in the Team 1001/double in/double out division.

Saipan kept the lead and the victory after a 15-10 win in the second round last Sunday.

The host swept the singles 301 in the second round, 7-0, before Guam recov-

ered in the partners regular cricket, 2-1. Guam then followed it up with a 5-2 win in the singles Burma, but Saipan countered with a 5-2 victory in the singles regular cricket. A 1-0 win in the Team 1001 was not enough for Guam to down the host in its own turf, as the visitors came six victories short of win-

ning the overall championships.

Besides the championship trophy, six individual awards were given to participants of the Saipan vs Guam friendly matches.

Shields took the MVP plum for the Guam team, while Guilas claimed the Saipan MVP award. Shields also topped the high out category (69), while Santos prevailed in the high in (120). Chavez notched the Sharp Shooter citation for

making the most number of marks, while Visaya was named Top Gun for the highest weighted average.

In the Blind Draw, which is a side event for the two-day tournament, the duo of Larsen and Saipan's Jun Olita bested four other players.

Shields and Warlee Ellame settled for the runner-up finish, while Jimmy Tenepere and Willy Cuesta finished third.

Opening of Rotary caging moved to Aug. 24



Organizers of the 2009 Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League has announced that the opening of the annual caging has been moved from Aug. 17 to Aug. 24 at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The new opening date was set to give teams time to complete the league requirements.

Ponce Rasa of the Division of Sports and Recreation said a meeting is set for Aug. 17 at 5pm at the conference room of the gym. Managers or representatives of the 10 teams must attend the meeting.

Topics to be discussed at the meeting are entrance fees, uniforms, and the submission of eligibility docu-

ments. The youth caging is only for 18-and-under players. Participants are also asked to submit waiver forms.

The CNMI Junior Nationals won the last two editions of the youth caging with the Rufino Aguon-mentored squad beating the Sonics in 2007 and Rollers 1 in 2008.

The CNMI cagers competed in the Rotary caging to prepare for two FIBA tournaments with the first one held in Guam [FIBA Youth Basketball Tournament] and the last one on Saipan [FIBA Oceania Basketball Tournament] this year.

This year, the Junior Nationals are taking a leave, leaving the Sonics, Rollers, Sixers, and seven other teams the opportunity to battle for the title. (PR)

Gomez tops Round Two Open 8-Ball



Erwin Gomez went undefeated last week to rule the Round Two Bar, Grill & Restaurant's Open 8-Ball

Thursday Night Tournament at Garapan's watering hole.

Gomez bested 10 other cue artists for the weekly win and the \$60 top purse. He drew a bye in the first round and debuted with a win over Roman Rodriguez in the second round.

Joining Gomez to the next phase of the one-day tournament were first round winners Roger Espiritu, Boyet Sequioco, and Jerry Soriano. Espiritu

walloped Mark Butac, Sequioco won over Taylor Watanabe, and Soriano beat Rolly Villanueva.

Soriano, Espiritu, Gomez, and Sequioco then completed the Final Four round after a few more wins in the elimination. Gomez was paired against Sequioco in the semis and won to claim a twice-to-beat advantage in the finals.

The last finals seat went to Soriano after he outclassed Espiritu. However, Soriano failed to keep his streak of wins when he bowed to Gomez in the finals.

Soriano was relegated to the loser's bracket and settled for the runner-up

prize of \$35, following his win over Chester Hamoy.

Joining Hamoy and Soriano in the loser's bracket were Rodriguez, Espiritu and Sequioco. In the first game in the loser's bracket, Rodriguez crushed Espiritu to advance against Hamoy, who prevailed over Sequioco. Hamoy then earned the right to face Soriano for the runner-up prize when the former thwarted Rodriguez.

The two other participants in the weekend tournament were Ron Chisato and Patrick Taitano, who were eliminated after getting two losses in the early rounds. (Roselyn B. Monroyo)



The Sonics' Mike Eclevia drives to the basket during a youth tournament played at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. Youth basketball action will return at the Ada gym next week with the opening of the Rotary caging.

PTC reiterates support to Saipan Little League Baseball



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Martinez marks majors return with win

Pedro Martinez made a successful return to the majors Wednesday night, going five innings in Philadelphia's 12-5 victory over Chicago. **32**



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CNMI tracksters favored in Micro Games

After conquering Micronesian Athletics Championships



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From left, DJ Ngirchongor, Douglas Dillay, and Tyrone Omar train at the Oleai Sports Complex for off-island tournaments. Next year, the CNMI athletics team will leave Saipan, anew to compete in the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau.

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All eyes will be focused on the CNMI Athletics Team when the 7th Micronesian Games kicks

off in Palau next year.

According to Northern Marianas Athletics president Kurt Barnes, the CNMI will have the top billing in the athletics competitions in the 2010 Micro Games after



conquering the 2009 Micronesian Athletics Championships in Queensland, Australia last week.

The CNMI sent 12 athletes to MAC and went

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IT&E takes early lead, CHC downs ARFF

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IT&E came in full force and routed Bank of Guam, 104-70, while Commonwealth Health Center also crushed Airport Rescue Fire Fighters, 76-54, in the third day of action in the 2009 IT&E Inter-Government/Business Basketball League last Wednesday the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

IT&E, which had only six players lifting the

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IT&E's Jomary Tumaquip is sandwiched by PSS' Maverick Itibus, left, and Gyles Ruluked during their debut in the 2009 IT&E Inter-Government/Business Basketball League last Friday the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. IT&E played its second game last Wednesday and won against Bank of Guam.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Passport application

Goodbye Saipan, hello World. The ocean does not separate Saipan from everywhere else; the ocean connects us. Instead of being an isolated dot in the Pacific, we are actually a pleasant departure lounge just waiting for the next flight to take us to new places and new experiences.

If you are a young athlete, that is certainly one way of looking at life here.

When I was a kid playing baseball and football in Florida, a bus trip to Tampa was about the best we could look forward to.

I only knew two boys that were good enough to travel out

of state for athletic competition. One was Richard "Little Boog" Powell, brother of John "Boog" Powell from the Baltimore Orioles. Little Boog was actually bigger, stronger and faster than Big Boog. Richard won the Florida high school discuss competition and got to go Texas for the nationals where he ended up second. At our end-of-the-year school summer bash, we rented out a motel in Cocoa Beach where Richard jumped from the 2nd floor balcony into the swimming pool with beer in hand, missing the concrete edge and possible death by two feet. Little Boog could have been a pro football or baseball player but his lifestyle got in the way.

The other elite athlete from Lakeland at that time was Rey Robinson who never lost a race in high school and ended up going to California for the nationals where he set a new record in the 100 yards (that was before the switch to meters). He could have won

OFF THE BENCH

By BOB COLDEEN

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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a gold medal in the 1972 Olympics in Munich (prior to that he had beaten Russia's Valery Borzov who ended up with the gold)

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CNMI counting on 3 important players



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Last of a three-part series

Baseball is a team game, but still players holding the Top 3 position in the field will play important roles in the CNMI's quest to improve its performance in the Junior League division of this year's World Series.

Occupying the three crucial positions for the CNMI Junior League All-Stars are catcher Henry Rabauliman Jr., pitcher Brian Camacho, and first baseman Christian Mizer. All three players are beaming with confidence and hopefully that will result to tough and game-winning plays in the difficult games they will be playing at the field in Taylor, Michigan.

The CNMI youth sluggers will be colliding with the best players from Juan A. Bibiloni LL Yabucoa of Puerto Rico, Friuli Venezia Giulia LL of Friuli Venezia Giulia, Italy, Aruba North LL, Oranjestad, Aruba, and Canada.

Mizer admitted they are facing the toughest tournament of the season after slipping past their foes in the CNMI District Tournament on Saipan and the Asia Pacific Regional Tournament in Jakarta, Indonesia.

However, he hopes the series of training sessions they had in the past months will be enough to give the CNMI a respectable finish in the World Series.

The CNMI made it to the Junior League World Series from 2001 and 2005, but win no more than one game each in three years and the team had shutouts for two years.

"I believe we can do it (win more games). Nothing is impossible if you are determined to win. We just have

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Name: Christian Mizer
Age: 13
Parents: William Flores and Thelma Mizer
School: Mt. Carmel School
Favorite Team: CNMI/Patriots
Favorite Player: Albert Pujols



Name: Brian Camacho
Age: 14
Parents: William and Pauline Camacho
School: Saipan Southern High School
Favorite Team: Patriots
Favorite Player: Manny Ramirez



Name: Henry Rabauliman Jr.
Age: 13
Parents: Josephine and Henry Rabauliman
School: Hopwood Junior High School
Favorite Team: CNMI
Favorite Player: Ichiro Suzuki